EC unable to agree on Mideast statement

BONN (R) — The European Community (EC) has not agreed on a new Middle East declaration only three days before its foreign ministers are due to meet King Hussein, a West German Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday. The ministers and the monarch are expected to discuss possibilities for a peace settlement in the Middle East at a meeting in Bonn Monday. Diplomats from EC member states in Bonn said the text of a declaration had been drafted but was rejected by some EC states because they considered it too anti-Israeli. Diplomatic sources said they expected the foreign ministers' meeting to voice the bloc's support for an international Middle East peace conference. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was important that any peace proposals should involve all the parties in the region.



Murphy in London en route to Mideast

LONDON (R) — U.S. envoy Richard Murphy arrived in London Friday for talks with British Foreign Secretary Sit Geoffrey Howe on ways to revive the Middle East peace process, the Foreign Office said. Murphy, who earlier met French and Jordanian officials in Paris, was due to leave later for the Middle East where he was expected to visit Syria, Saudi Arabia and Israel to try to get the stalled peace process moving. A Foreign Office spokesman said Murphy, an assistant secretary of state, would spend several hours with Howe and other officials at the foreign secretary residence south of London. Israeli sources said Murphy had made proposals to Israel and Jordan for a period of limited "self-rule" for the Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, U.S. officials, who have been secretive about Murphy's mission, denied that he was carrying detailed proposals on his mission.

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Tabba' returns

AMMAN (J.T.) — inquestry,
Trade and Supply Minister HamAl Tabba returned bome Fridi Al Tabba' returned bome Friday night after heading the Jordanian delegation to the 44th meeting of the Arab Economie and Social Council which took place in Tunis on Feh. 1 and lasted four days. The minister said upon arrival that the council would bold an extraordinary meeting during the first week of July to examine the operations of regional Arab organisations and other joint Arab entities. He added that the council had issued important decisions on Arab food security and on promoting Arab

Aides to Mubarak, Peres meet in Rome

ROME (AP) — Advisers to Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-Egyptian President Flosin Minister Shimou Peres met bere Friday to Shimou Peres met bete Attendary discuss Middle East peace efforts. discuss Middle mass peace the an Israeli embassy spokesman said. The spokesman quoted Nimrod Novick, Peres' political adviser, as saying be had 'an exchange of positions and opinions' with Osama Al Baz, Mubarak's political adviser. The two officials conferred on the "Middle East issue and its various aspects," the spokesman said.

Arafat to visit Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat will visit Moscow sbortly to discuss a Soviet proposal for an interna-tional Middle East peace confer-ence, a senior PLO official said Friday, Nayef Hawatmeb, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, told re-porters Arafat would arrive in the Soviet capital in late February or early March. Hawatmeh bas been visiting Moscow at the head of a four-member Palestinian delegation. He told a news conference that Aratat's visit was agreed during his talks Thursday with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard

Italian government survives vote

ROME (R) - Italy's Chamber of Deputies finally approved a bat-tered 1988 budget bill Friday in a vote vital for survival of the frailfive-party coalition government. Politicians said defeat in the secget ballot on the budget bill as a whole would bave meant the almost certain resignation of the six-month-old government of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals. But the government's victory in the secret ballot by 331 votes to 263 gave it only a few more weeks of breathing space, pobtical sources said.

Britain holds Sikh bombing suspect

LONDON (AP) — Police Friday arrested a Sikh in connection with a 1985 explosion at a Japanese airport in which two people died. West Midlands police said traffic officers stopped Inderjit Singh Reyat, a 35-year-old electrician, as he drove to work at the Jaguar car factory in Coventry, and be was then taken into custody by anti-terrorist squad officers.
Assistant chief constable Tom-Meffen said Reyat, who bolds a British passport, was detained on behalf of Canadian authorities under terms of an extradition warrant issued by magistrates at

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15 hospitalised after beatings in Gaza

Occupation army, settlers shoot and wound 8 Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops and settlers shot and wounded eight Palestinians during renewed violent protests in the occupied West Bank Friday, Arab hospitals said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, 21 Palestinians were admitted to hospitals after being beaten by soldiers, bospital records showed. They included a 75-year-old woman and 13 residents of the

Jabalya refugee camp. About 200 Arab protesters raised the Palestinian flag and pelted rocks at Israeli police at the Haram Al Sbarif complex in

Two Palestinians were wound-ed by gunfire in Hebron when soldiers opened fire to subdue dozens of Arab protesters who barricaded the main road with burning tyres, then burled rocks at soldiers and passing cars, the

army said. Five other Palestinians were bospitalised at the Al Ittihad bospital in Nablus with gunshot wounds to the legs and feet, a hospital official said. Israel Radio said one of the

Iranians

attack

empty

tanker

nied by a tugboat.

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - Ira-

nian speedboats moving under

cover of darkness ambushed a

Panamanian-flag supertanker in the southern Gulf Friday, the

fourth attack against neutral ship-

was sailing empty, en route to a shipyard at Dubai for repairs to

its anchor gear. It was accompa-

Shipping sources said the

Tavistock radioed for Western

naval belp when it first came

under fire 11 miles northeast of

Dubai at 2.30 a.m. (2230 GMT

Thursday). The gunboats then fired a second time.

the crew quickly put out a small fire on board. The bridge was hit

and some radio equipment was

out of action but damage was

generally light, the sources said.

in four days and 11th this year.

Shipping sources have confirmed nine of 18 attacks claimed

by Iraq against Iran's oil fleet this

Friday's Iranian raid appeared

to be in revenge for Iraq's attack on the 25,651-tonne Iranian tank-

er Mokran off the Iranian coast

In New York, about 50 repre-

sentatives of maritime unions de-

monstrated outside the United

Nations and sent a delegation to see Secretary-General Javier

Perez de Cuellar. They were call-

ing on the world body to send a

peacekeeping force to the Gulf to

Friday's attack was Iran's third

There were no casualties and

wounded, a 16-year-old girl from the village of Hawara, was shot in the foot by an Israeli settler who opened fire after his car was

A New York-born Jewish settler whose skull was fractured by a stone thrown by Arab protes ters regained consciousness Friday. His brother-in-law-, a lawyer from Queens, suffered a broken chest bone in the incident Thursday outside the Arab village of Malik, 25 kilometres north of

According to U.N. figures, 43 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli gunfire since the uprising began Dec. 9 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Throughout the occupied terri-tories, clashes were reported following prayers Friday. Helicopters dropped tear-gas onto about 60 Palestinians who hurled rocks

at Gaza City's main Al Amari Mosque, an Arab witness told the

The Palestine Press Service (PPS) reported clashes between soldiers and Arab protesters in the West Bank villages of Salem, Hawara and Toubas, all outside

In Jerusalem, two Arab protes-ters emerged from noon prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque waving a Palestinian flag and chanting anti-Israeli slogans. They were carried on the shoulders of dozens of other Palestinians.

A police spokesman said three Arabs were arrested and reporters saw at least half a dozen others detained,

Israeb authorities cut off the electricity snpply to Gaza City during the prayers in an apparent attempt to prevent mosque loudspeakers being used to call out demonstrators.

There were 700 riot police in Arab Jerusalem, mostly near Al

Agsa Mosque, Police ordered the closure for a week of all schools in Arab Jerusalem, affecting about 30,000 pupils, to prevent protests. All schools in the West Bank were and chanted anti-Israeli slogans ordered closed earlier this week

King concludes talks in Paris; Mitterrand reaffirms support King assails U.S. and Israel

PARIS (Agencies) — His Majes-ty King Hussein began a private visit to France after concluding talks with French leaders on the situation in the Middle East and securing continued French support for efforts to convene an mternational conference on the Middle East.

The King met Prime Minister Jacques Chirac Thursday following talks with President Francois Mitterrand Wednesday.

Mitterrand, who held talks with Egyptian President Hosni Muharak earlier in the week

Mubarak earlier in the week, issued a statement Thursday reaffirming French support for an international conference on the Middle East under U.N. au-

Mitterrand "confirmed France's position on Middle Eastern affairs to the King, as he bad done to President Mubarak Mona presidential statement

"The deadlock, shown by the serious events in recent weeks in Gaza and the West Bank, is a tragic reminder of the need to give people in the region some hope for a fair solution and to continue to work for an interna tional conference," it added.

In a television interview, the

King blasted Israel and the U.S. saying the two countries were responsible for the failure to reach a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The King told French Televi-sion that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's settlement policies in the occupied Arah territories were "a very dangerous pro-vocation," and warned the U.S. that its support of Israel's repressive policies threatened its interests in the region.

He said the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories was "a spontaneous antioccupation revolt and not instigated from outside the occupied

The King criticised Washington for its veto of a Security Council resolution calling on Israel to end its suppression of Palestinian pro-

"The United States should realise the fact that it is not serving anybody's interests in the region nor its own interests or the interests of peace," the King said,

Thought Forum (ATF).

Speaking in the context of the

Regent urges bridging gap between leaders and public

By Salameh B. Ne'matt

gent, urged Arab intellectuals and communicators Friday to contribute to hridging the gao between the perceptions of decisionniakers and the silent majority in the Arab World on issues related to

"It is important that we do not give up our responsibility in addressing the silent majority who are in need to know that their leaders are aware of their causes," the Crown Prince told the annual meeting of the Arab

formed that their leaders are "responding to their stands and feelings ... and concerned with keeping open the communication channels between themselves and their citizens for the exchange of opinion and an explanation and clarification of stands."

ongoing Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, Prince Hassan told the forum that people "should not be left to become victims of mistaken allegations, gossip and poisoned

mand for total freedom in the absence of institutions through

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Re-

the complexities of Arab causes.

He said people should be in-

thought."
"In this context," the Crown

Prince said, "an irresponsible de-

which legitimate demands of the silent majority can be fulfilled, may help drive young people

towards organised extremism." He pointed out that he was one of those who always call for an open and responsible dia-

He called on Arab intellectuals from 20 Arab countries present a: the forum "not to leave the arena open for illogical and rigid forces," and to "become aware that all of us — Jordanians, Jordanian Palesunians and Jordanian Arabs — know the way to dealing with the current events. despite their bitterness and harsh-. ness, through a proper analysis and understanding and the re-quirements of the circumstances themselves.'

He reminded the 170-member ATF that "Jordan was the first to call for the (Palesunian) right to self-determination, rejected (Jewish) settlements and warned of their threat.

He said the Kingdom "has al-ways followed practical and quiet methods to support people in the occupied territories at a time when the prevailing Arah position was to adopt general slogans about supporting the steadfast-

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(Continued on page 4) Rifai: 'Autonomy,' 'self-rule' proposals gimmicks to defuse Palestinian revolt

BAHRAIN (AP) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was quoted Friday as saying that U.S. envoy Philip Habib, did not carry details of Washington's "so-called new initiative" to breathe life into the stalled Middle East process.

But in integring from Paris But, in interview from Paris

with the London-based Mideast Mirror, Rifai warned the "selfwhich are being floated as part of the latest U.S. plan are "gimmicks to defuse the popular tiprising in the occupied territories and assist Israel in coping with the situation on hand."

Rifai was speaking at the end of a three-day visit to France by King Hussein, part of a European tour to discuss efforts for an international Middle East peace

conference. Habib visited Amman last Saturday. White House spokes-man Marlin Fitzwater said that his mission was part of Washington's wish "to offer the services of the United States in any way possible" to help a Middle East



Zaid Rifai

Mideast Mirror that King Hussein informed Habib that all the Arab leaders had unanimously agreed at the November Arab summit to welcome any initiative leading to an international peace conference on the Middle East. with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

"His Majesty said we would welcome any move along these lines. This is all that happened. We bave not been informed of any

Rifai said Jordan and the PLO had resumed talks in Amman recently in "friendly and cordial atmosphere. Rifai said Jordan had no pre-conditions as to how the PLO was to be represented at the interna-

tional peace conference should it convene. Jordan would not object if the PLO could go as an of an all-Arab delegation, he

But he added: "We deal with the possible. We would be willing to help the PLO on the basis of what is possible, feasible and pragmatic to ensure its participation in the conference simply because we insist that the representatives of the Palestinian people be there. We will not negoti-

are on their behalf." Speaking on Jordan's efforts to heal a long-standing rift between Syria and Iraq, he said it was difficult to determine a time frame for the culmination of the efforts but "the important thing is that a trend has been initiated. Our hope is that it will continue until it reaches a successful end."

Mubarak arrives in Turkey on last leg of Europe visit

Mubarak was met at Ankara airport by President Kenan Evren

and Greece to seek backing for his plan. In Athens earlier in the day, Mubarak held talks with the

The Egyptian president was greeted on the tarmac at Athens airport by Premier Andreas Papandreou wben he arrived from talks in Rome and an audi-

Mubarak drove straight into the city centre for a meeting at the presidential palace with Greece's head of state, Christos Sartzetakis.

Mubarak already has aired his proposal for a six-month moratorium on violence in the Israelioccupied territories to be followed by the convening of a Middle East peace conference in talks with U.S. officials in

At the Vatican, Mubarak and the Pope met in the pontiff's private study for 35 minutes. Vatican sources said the meeting

was very cordial.

Navarro-Valls said the Pope and Mubarak discussed the need for "a peaceful and equitable solution for the urgent problems of the Middle East."

Navarro said the Pope appreciated all responsible efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. The spokesman said the Pope had often insisted on justice for the Palestinians and the "moral duty" to put an end to their suffering without endangering Israel's existence or the security of all Middle East states.

Muharak's audience ended a week of visits by Arab leaders to the Vatican, during which the Holy See underlined its position on the Middle East situation.

"The Holy See cannot hut express strong bope and apprecia-tion for all the efforts that, as this one, are inspired by human sensibility, a sense of responsibility and a desire for peace. The holy father has insisted many times on the need for justice in connection with the drama of the Palestinian people and the moral duty to solve it, without prejudicing the existence of Israel and the security of all states of the region," the Vatican said Friday.

It also noted that the situation in Lebanou was not "any less dramatic" than that of the West

Earlier this week the Pope received King Hussein and Thursday the Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Achille Silvestrim, met with a top official of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

EC accuses Israel of violating agreement

failed to honour an agreement allowing Palestinian farmers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to export their produce independently to the European Community (EC), officials said Friday.

Implementation of the accord might influence whether the European parliament in Strasbourg next week ratifies a new agreement cutting tariffs on lucrative Israeli exports to the 12-nation bloc, political sources

said. Ratification now seems unlike-

ly, they added. The EC officials said Israel was blocking a first shipment of 300 tonnes of oranges labelled "Produce of Gaza" destined for The Netherlands, by withholding an export licence.

Four crates of Gaza oranges intended as a gift to European Commissioner Claude Cheysson, who negotiated the accord with Israel last year, are also being held up, the officials said.

The executive European Commission lodged two complaints with Israeli representatives in Brussels this week.

"We expressed our serious concern that they are not trying to make it work," a senior EC

The other test case involved

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London's Bow Street court.

- Saud to meet Shultz In continuing U.S.-Arab contacts over the Gulf war, Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal of Sandi Arabia will meet with
 - Secretary of State George Shuitz Feb. 9. "The visit to Washington is part of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) follow-up in U.N. Security Council capitals on the Iran-Iraq war," State Depart-

Thursday.

protect shipping.

man explained. "We strongly support the efforts of the GCC member states to get the U.N. Security Council to pass an enforcement resolution mandating an arms embargo

ment spokesman Charles Red-

S. Lebanon alert against Israeli reprisal attack

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) - Armed with automatic weapons, and resistance fighters were on full alert Friday against possible Israeli reprisal attacks after a three-man Palestinian commando

squad killed two Israeli soldiers in a clash Thursday. Palestinian sources quoted by Reuter said one of the three commandos had returned safely to Lebanon, although they refused to reveal his identity and ping in the past six days.

Gulf-based shipping executives said the 163,035-ton Tavistock

wbereabonts. Sidon residents said Israeli warplanes flew low over the city and staged mock raids on the Palestinian refugee camps of 'Ain Al Hilweb and Mich Mich and surrounding hilltops.

Fighters and Lebanese militiamen were on alert behind antiaircraft guns in the hills and the coast road for fear of Israeli retaliation for the attack, claimed

ambushed an Israeli army patrol near a Jewish settlement after they crossed the border from

wounding another.

One of the guerrillas was killed while another was wounded and captured. Israeli troops launched

by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) The guerrillas Thursday

Lebanon, killing two soldiers and

tank missiles, the commandos wounded another soldier in the exchange of fire, according to reports from Israel. Israeli military censors sup-

pressed news of the attack for nearly 10 hours. The attackers belonged to the Fatch organisation of the PLO and planned to take hostages and demand the release of Palesti-

nians beld in Israel and by Israelibacked militiamen in South Lebanon. The commandos, carrying weapons and band-written instructions for their planned bostage-taking operation, infiltrated

in a beavy fog about two hours before dawn, Israeli army offi-They met an Israeli patrol as

they were crossing an electrical fence at the border, the officials A 20-minute firefight broke out on a rocky hillside about two kilometres from Kibbutz Yiftah,

a Jewish settlement. One Israeli soldier was killed by a grenade at the scene and another, critically wounded, died

Fateb claimed responsibility a search for the guerrilla now reported back in Lebanon. for the raid. "The operation was staged by a three-man squad of Fateh's Jeru-It was the second time Palestinian commandos had managed to salmen battalion," said a comcross the border in two weeks. munique distributed in Sidon.

Qadhafi, Ibn Ali hold talks on Maghreb union TUNIS (Agencies) — Libyan and wants Libya instead to join a leader Muammar Qadhafi, un-non-aggression pact, stressing dannted by a string of unsuccess-

World during talks in Tunisia Friday. Qadhafi met Tunisian Presideut Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali for a second round of discussions followed by a meeting with government ministers, the official TAP news agency said. Qadhafi said on his arrival Thursday that his talks would centre on the

ful unions between his country

and other Arab states, pressed his

ideas on bow to reunify the Arab

formation of a North African union of Arab states. Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche has said Qadhafi gave his unity document to Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, The Libyan leader bas forged a series of unsuccessful unions with other states in the past, including Tuni-

sia and Morocco,

non-aggression pact, stressing economic links, which it signed with Tunisia and Mauritania in

war. But Tunisia insists that Morocco cannot be left out. Qadhafi's trip to Tunisia sets the seal on a restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries in December after a break of more than two years.

The 46-year-old colonel, accompanied by a large entourage in two white-and-gold Boeing 707s, was warmly greeted by Ibn Ali at Tunis-Carthage airport

This would exclude Morocco, with which Algeria is at odds over the 12-year-old Western Sahara

Tunisia severed ties in September 1985 when Libya expelled some 33,000 Tunisian migrant workers.

Qadhafi was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jaddallah Algeria opposes Qadhafi's plan Azzouz Al Talhi.

'Peace Ship to set sail Wednesday

ATHENS (Agencies) - A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official in Athens said Friday that a new date has been set for a boat-trip to take Palestinian deportees back to Israel after the original journey was

Puad Bittar, head of the PLO mission in Athens, told reporters that a ship, yet to be named, would leave Piraeus uext Wednesday for Haifa. The Greek owners of the ori-

ginal strip, the 18,000-tonne car ferry Silver Paloma, which was due to sail next Tuesday taking about 100 Palestinians to Haifa, cancelled the trip without giving a reason Thursday. "All we can say is that our ship

is not going," an Afroesa line official said. There was no immediate reaction from the Greek government to fierce criticism from Israel for failing to ban the PLO voyage. Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres said Thursday that Greece's rejection of his request

to prevent the cruise was "an unfriendly act." Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called the voyage "a hostile act." Greek government officials said that Foreign Minister Carolos Papoulias has not yet given any

reply to Peres on the ship, dnbbed the "peace ship."
Premier Andreas Papandreou's Socialist government, which supports the Palestinian cause, has said it can't prevent the PLO boat

from sailing. "We note that the private individuals involved said they want to contribute to a peaceful settle-ment of the Middle East problem," a government spokesman

said.

The spokesman also denied a report that the government was asked to provide a naval escort for the PLO ship as it sails through the East Mediterranean. The PLO representative also said that plans for the ship to call at Larnaca in Cyprus in order to

pick up Israeb sympathisers were still in effect. "Everything is still on schedule," Bittar said. The PLO bas said that if the ship is forbidden to enter Israeli

waters it will cruise just outside

them for several days before

making the return voyage to

The journey aims at focusing international attention on the plight of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The expedition divided public opmion in Israel, with extremist

Israelis vowing to intercept the

ship while a group of left-wing Jewish and Arab writers and

artists said it would welcome the

deportees.

tion (PLO). specifie U.S. proposals. So we have to wait and see," Rifai said. settlement.

ANKARA (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak arrived in Turkey Friday on the last leg of a tour to advance Middle East peace efforts.

and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. They will have talks Saturday on Middle East peace and bilateral issues, Turkish officials said. Mubarak has already visited Britain, West Germany, France, the United States, Morocco, Italy

Greek prime minister and paid a courtesy call on the Greek presi-

ence with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Washington.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin tion, Farouk Kaddoumi.

Amnesty voices alarm at torture of Palestinians

U.S. adds to criticism of Israel at U.N. human rights panel

GENEVA (R) — The United States added its voice Friday at the U.N. Human Rights Commission to a chorus of criticism of Israeli treatment of Palestinians, but it called for balance to avoid inflaming the

The human rights Amnesty International expressed alarm at reports it had received of Israeli initure of Palestinians, including bruisings of the genitals, and it called for a thorough investigatinn of Israeli killings and heat-

Israel has been attacked from all sides in the npening week of the U.N. body's annual review of human rights abuses worldwide. The commission, which cannot enforce any of its resolutions, relies un worldwide pressure to stimulate improvements.
U.S. Ambassador Armando

Valladares said his country understood Israel's need to maintain order.

"However, the means used to restore civil order in any situation nf popular unrest must involve a minimum of violence and a maximum of political restraint," he

declared, reiterating U.S. criticism of "indiscriminate beatings." He said deportations of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip violated the Fourth

Geneva Convention — even though Monday the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for Israel to observe the convention. But he said: "If we are to play a

constructive rather than a des-tructive role, we must make certain that our language does not inflame... we need a balanced The other four permanent members of the U.N. Security

and the Soviet Union - sharply attacked Israeli practices The Amnesty International cri-

ticism was unusually harsh for the

Council - Britain, France, China

The highest authorities of the Israeli government should make clear to all law enforcement personnel that torture and ill-treatment will not be tolerated," the group asserted in a speech pre-pared for delivery at the Friday

"Amnesty International has received numerous reports, including affidavits, that detainees have been beaten, kicked and punched on arrest and while being taken

into custody.
"Interrogation methods described by former detainees have included hoodings, beatings all over the body including the head and genitals, Falaqa (beatings on the soles of the feet)" the advance text said.

Other interrogation methods included "being hung by a rope from the ceiling and swung from wall to wall, prolonged exposure to cold weather or air conditioning, solitary confinement for beween two and 15 days, prolonged sleep deprivation and ver-

The human rights body said it urged Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in December who last month announced a pohcy of "might, power and beatings" - to order a thorough investigation of the killings and beatings.

At least 43 Palestinians have been killed and more than 700 injured since unrest intensified in December. Amnesty noted that Palestinian sources give a considerably higher death toll.

Some investigations have been carried out, it said, but it remained "concerned that not all cases have been investigated and that the use of live ammunition and beatings continues."

Amnesty said Palestinians had been arrested arhitrarily, held in-communicado, and denied basic rights in summary trials.

Israeli Minister-Connsellor Ralph Walden, a senior diplomat here, said Thursday that the rebellion had obliged Israel to use force, and he attacked the human rights record of many countries which criticised it.

Gunmen kidnap 2 UNRWA workers in Sidon

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Masked Palestinian commandos abducted two Scandinavian U.N. relief workers in southern Lebanon Friday, militia security sources said. Nial Kiely, public information nfficer for the U.N. Relief and Wurks Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA), identified the two as Jan Stening, 44, from Sweden and Norwegian William

Jorgensen, 58. He said the agency, which provides work for thousands of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, "din not know why the two were seized. We have no indication the two were

threatened before. UNRWA was urgently contacting "whoever can help," he said.
Militia security sources in
Beirut said the kidnappers were Palestinians who could be loyal to the Abu Nidal's Fatch Revolutionary Council (FRC) guerrilla group or to Muslim fun-

The two men, who had supervised UNRWA operations in the Tyre area of southern Lebanon for nearly a year, were taken to Ain Al Hilweh Refugee Camp, the sources said.

the adductions prought to 21 the number of foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in Lehanon. But it was the first time Scandinavians had been targetted since pro-Iranian Muslims began seizing foreigners in Lebanon

three years ago. An UNRWA spokesman in Sidnn said four gunmen, wearing green military fangues and ski masks and brandishing automatic rifles, stopped Stening and Jorgensen as they drove along Maarouf Saad Street at the southern entrance to Sidon at nine a.m. (0700 GMT).

He said they were heading for a weekend break in Beirut from their base in Tyre, sonth of Sidnn, in a Renault car flying the white and blue UNRWA flag.
"The gunmen surrounded the

car and immediately smashed the side windows at the front with the butts of their rifles and dragged the two out. They put them in a Mercedes Sedan and sped away. he said.

He quoted witnesses as saying the twn did not resis1. Evewitnesses also said the gunmen had parked their Mercedes about 20 metres from the Renault and forced the two men to walk to the kidnap car.

Stening arrived in Lebanon in April 1987 and Jorgensen in May. It was the second kidnapping in Lebannn in 10 days. On Jan. 27, gunmen in mainly Muslim west Beirut grabbed West German Ralph Schray, apparently to force the release of two Lehanese held

Sidnn is controlled by the Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army hus the Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia has checkpoints at its southern edge and Palestin commandos command surround-

In Vienna, UNRWA Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli called for the immediate release of the two agency workers and said he had also asked U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to make urgent efforts 10 secure their re-

"These two men were performing a humanitarian task and have been supervising relief operations for thousands of Palestine refugees and other needy people in the Tyre area," Giacomelli said in a statement issued by UNRWA's

Vienna headquarters. "UNRWA is making contacts through diplomatic and other channels to seek the immediate release of these staff members and I have informed the secretary-general asking him to make urgent efforts to gain the release of these two innocent men.

Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson Friday expressed his "utmost regrets" that a Swedish citizen for the first time was abducted in Lebanon, the national news agency TT reported.

"I express my utmost regrets that now also a Swede is affected. He is employed, as far as I know, at the UNRWA and is thus doing something for fellow men," Carlsson was quoted as saying.

"It is completely unreasonable that something like this should happen to him. But we will look into the matter through our diplomatic channels," he said. In Oslo, Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman Per Paust told Renters: "This is a detestable action against innocent relief workers there to belp bring a better life to people in the area, and the Norwegian government demands their immediate release.

Cairo conference urges harsh punishment for terrorists

CAIRO (R) - Police officers and academic experts from six countries have called on governments to strengthen the international fight against terrorism.

A six-day conference on combating terrorism, organised by the Egyptian Police Academy and several U.S. universities, also urged them not to cooperate with resolution called "state ter-

It mentioned no names but delegates - most from Western or pro-Western states - said it was agreed the phrase was intended to apply to Iran, Libya University of Illinois, said there and Cuba.

all governments join existing anti-

They urged states to draft se vere laws to punish terrorists but did not specify measures.

"International cooperation has to be developed to reach a clear understanding about terrorism, making the definition acceptable tn all countries," a resolution Richard Ward, conference co-

Chairman, told Keiners delega disagreed on such a definition.
"But we all agreed to explore new avenues for better coopera-

tion on the issue," he said. Ward, from the Office of International Criminal Justice at the was general agreement that air The experts recommended that hijacking was a criminal offence regardless of its reasons.

regrotism pacts or reach new regional agreements, and said the United Nations should encourage such cooperation. "Whatever the cause, political or otherwise, hijacking which involves innocent people is wrong and a criminal act," he said.

French mediator leaves Beirut without 2 hostages

BEIRUT (R) — French mediator Lucien Bitterlin left Beirut Friday without securing the release of two young French girls held by Palestinian commandos.

"I am going to Paris. This is the second step of my mission concerning the problem of the children of Silco," Bitterlin said in brief remarks to Reuters and Visnews television news agency. The Fatch Revolutionary

Council (FRC) announced on Nov. 8 it had seized the girls and six adults, including their mother, from the yacht Silco off the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

Jacqueline Valente, the mother of Marie-Laure, five, and Virginie, six, said in a videotape issued by the FRC that she refused to hand her daughters to their father and wanted to keep them with

The guerrillas said in December they were prepared to release the girls to their father. Valente's ex-husband Pascal Betille. The FRC claims the adults it holds are

Jewish Israeli spies.
Bitterlin, head of the Franco-Arab Solidarity Association, had talks with the group in early January on freeing the sisters. He returned to Beirut last Saturday. On Thursday, Bitterlin said

FRC officials were discussing the possibility of releasing Valente with her children. "I may come back. I am confident in the decision taken by

the Central Committee of the FRC to find a solution and return Valente to her home in the most humanitarian possible way," he added Friday. "The problem we are facing now is sentimental. The children

are refusing to leave their mother," Bitterlin said Thursday. "The FRC are not planning to release the mother at this stage so they must find solution. The girls are attached to their mother,"

He said all the technical problems of transferring the two girls to Paris had been solved.

42 hurt in Cairo train collision

CAIRO (AP) - Forty-two people were injured in a commuter train collision in Cairo Thursday might, a railway police officer said

Lt.-Col Ahmad Matar told the Associated Press that most the injuries were minor, with 31 people given first aid and immediately discharged. Eleven passengers were in hospitals "with medium injuries and in satisfactory condition," he said.

The collision occurred on a line linking Cairo's eastern suburbs. A waiting train at the Saray Al Kuhbah Stanon was rammed from behind by an oncoming concerned about the lack of a train that failed to stop in time.

Sudan reports killing 27 rebels

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudanese troops killed 27 rebels Equatoria province, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported Friday.

It did not say when the fighting took place but added that two soldiers were wounded.

Rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have fought troops since 1983 in a bid to give the African south more autonomy over its affairs. Bombing runs on the vital re-

bel-held town of Kapoeta killed 51 insurgents, a military spokesman said Thursday, but the raids failed to dislodge the guerrillas.

The spokesman said government troops killed 34 fighters of the SPLA in two other southern Sudan battles. Former rebels of the Anyanya II Movement helped the soldiers in one of the engagements, he said.

The army general command said the 27 rebels died in a gov-ernment attack on an SPLA camp. It said troopers confiscated a number of cattle and retrieved five women abducted earlier by the rebels in a raid on another camp in Upper Nile region.

The disclosure of the Sudan

Air Force raids on Kapoeta was the first report in several weeks of action by bombers in Sudan's almost 5-year-old civil war. Their last reported use was last December against rebels positions in Kurmuk on the Ethiopian border during a successful push to drive

out rebel occupiers. The military spokesman said

the air force raids were aimed at defensive fortifications the rebels in a clash in south Sudan's have built in Kapoeta, where in addition to killing 51 rebels the bombs destroyed two mortars.

Kapoeta, near the borders of Kenya and Uganda, has been in rebel hands since Jan. 12, when thousands of soldiers and others reportedly fled into Uganda. The town's strategic importance is enhanced because it sits astride the main road into Sudan from

On Thursday, an SPLA radio broadcast threatened that planes carrying relief supplies to the south would be shot down. The broadcast said the government is trying to rebuild its forces at Kapoeta and rebel gunners would be unable to differentiate between planes carrying military supplies and those with relief

Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi said Tuesday that a military airbridge had been estab-lished with the south in an effort to retake Kapoeta. He said the government also was flying relief supplies to famine-threatened. Juba, 1,280 kilometres south of Khartoum and 160 kilometres from the Ugandan border.

The United Nations and several relief agencies also are planning to fly food to Juba, whose population, swollen with Kapoeta refugees, face starvation.

The military spokesman said

soldiers were helped in one of the Upper Nile raids by members of former southern rebel force that then.

ernment side in its fight with the SPLA. Two of the Anyanya fighters were reported slain in the artack.

Relief agencies planned to start an emergency food airlift Saturday to war-torn southern Sudan, despite rebel threats to shoot

down planes. Norwegian church Aid said its chartered Boeing 707 Thursday flew 30 tonnes of dried beans from Nairobi to the sonthern Sudanese provincial capital of

"We have discussed this contimuously because the threat has been there all the time, so we are trying to be alert," said a spokesman for the Norwegian agency who did not want to be named.

On Saturday, the Boeing is scheduled to start moving 300 tonnes of food to Juba from Norwegian Church Aid and the World Food Programme (WFP). The Swiss and West German governments are helping pay costs of \$180,000 for 10 flights planned in

The Norwegian relief official said the Kenyan air charter com-pany, Nile Safaris Aviation, "has not indicated it is unwilling to fly." The company refused com-

Last year, the SPLA accused
Nile Safaris of carrying weapons for the Sudanese government and threatened to attack their planes. But the company's aircraft have flown into southern Sudan with-Anyanya II, an outgrowth of a out incident many times since

Hobeika: Armenians killed French agent "It (the militia) had had con-

BEIRUT (R) — An ousted Lebanese militia chief, in remarks published here Friday, accused Armenian guerrillas of killing French intelligence agent Jacques Merrin, gunned down in Beirut Tuesday.

Elie Hobeika, who headed the main Christian Lebanese Forces militia until an internal feud in 1986, said the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) had also killed four other French citizens in the city since 1986.

Hobeika, in a statement which Beirut newspapers said was made in Paris Thursday, said his followers had nothing to do with Mer-

tact with Merrin until 1985. Merrin was investigating the activities of the Secret Armenian Army. The Secret Armenian Army is involved in attacks on French interests and citizens in east Beirut, especially, the assassination of the French military attache, two French guards, engineer (Richard) Gempel and Merrin

Merrin was at first identified as husinessman Jacques Meurant but official sources in Paris said his real name was Merrin and that he was an agent of the French secret service.

The other victims mentioned by Hobeika were the French

emhassy's military attache. Christian Gonttiere, killed in 1986, two embassy guards in 1987, and engineer Richard Gempel the same year.

ASALA, founded in 1975 and believed based in Lebanon, has not claimed any of the killings. It demands the release one of its members, Varoujian Garbidjian, imprisoned in Paris for a bomh attack which killed eight people in France's Orly Airport in 1983.

Three gunmen in a car inter-cepted Merrin near Lehanese Security Pulice Headquarters and pumped bullets into his head with submachine guns equipped with silencers.

Vatican backs efforts for Mideast conference

tion in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as painful and worrying and said it backed efforts for a Middle East peace conference.

"The Holy See, which has often underlined the gravity of the question, cannot remain indifferent when faced with the painful and worrying incidents experienced by the population of the occupied territories," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-

Israeli troops have killed 43 Palestinians in eight weeks of unrest in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip.

VATICAN CITY (R) — The tion and added that the Vatican Vatican has described the situation and added that the Vatican encouraged efforts to find a encouraged efforts to find a Middle East peace that would be acceptable to all.

> His statement was made after talks in the Vatican between Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) number two Farouk Kaddoumi and Archhishop Achille Silvestrini, the Vatican's foreign minister.

Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Department, thanked Silvestrini for the moral support the Vatican has given to the Palestinian cause, Navarro said. Kaddonmi told reporters Wednesday after meeting Italian politicians that no new Middle Navarro said the Vatican was East peace initiatives could be concerned about the lack of a considered until Israel ended its

Pope John Paul, who met His Majesty King Hussein Monday, has called for a Palestinian homeland, for secure borders for Israel and for special status for Jerusalem as a city sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In December, the Pope said the Holy Land could not be "a theatre of violence, of confrontation and injustice," and that he felt close to Palestinians suffering in the occupied lands.

The Palestinian question and the status of Jerusalem are the two main obstacles to diplomatic relations between Israel and the

In 1982, Pope John Paul II received PLO leader Yasser Arafat, drawing stiff protests from Israel and Jewish groups.

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WHAT'S GOING ON **TODAY'S EVENTS**

FOLK DANCE ☆ Performances of Romanian folk dance daily at 9:00 p.m. at Alia Gate-way Hotel (until Feb. 10).

AMERICAN FILM **FESTIVAL**

☆ "Desperately Seeking Susan" (1985) at 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre as part of the American film festival (until Feb. 7).

PUPPET FOR CHILDREN * The Goethe Institute presents "Pup-pet for Children" at 4:00 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre.

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Soviet Cultural Centre
Spanish Cultural Centre
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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus 2 small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 6:00 pra. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-lumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaha and Jerash (4th to 18th from Madaba and Icrash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00

a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official bolidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tucsdays.

Martyrs' Memorisi (Military Maneum): Collection of military memorabilis dating from the Arab Revok of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS SERVICE CLUBS

The Ammus Libras Chib. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

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Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. gelical Lotheran Charch (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295). Rambow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church] glish Service; Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Carist of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 821264

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MONEY EXCHANGE

Thursday rates Local self/buy rates in fils

Belgian franc 95.9/ 97.9

Dutch guilder 178.4/ 182.1

French franc 59.4/ 60.6

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WEATHER

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Min./max. term Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 10, Aqaba 18. Humidity readings: Amman 87 per cent. Aqaba 45 per occupation.

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Another relief mission sends aid to Sudan AMMAN (Petra) — Another rethe nucleus of an emergency task

lief mission has left Amman for force, offering services to other Sudan carrying medical and other relief supplies for victims of famine and drought.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, was present at the Thursday departure to bid farewell to the mission which groups 10 specialists, a general practitioner, nurses, technicians and their assistants. They will be taking over for two months the duties of a team currently working at the Jordanian-built hospital at Kass, where medical services have been offered to the local population

over the past three years. Addressing the team, Prince Hassan expressed hope that Jordanian missions would form parts of the Arah World. He urged the team to offer their best service to the Sudanese people to help alleviate their suffering.

The team is carrying nearly 15 tonnes of medical supplies for their work at Kass hospital, which was set up by the Jordanian National Committee for Solidarity with the Sudanese People.

The medical team is accompanied by a water engineer who will help in locating sites for drilling at least 10 artesian wells in the Kass

Among those bidding farewell to the medical mission were Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh and Sudanese Ambassador to Jordan Mahjouh Radwan.

High-level Bulgarian delegation arrives today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A high-level Bulgarian delegation headed by First Vice President of the Bulgarian State Council Peter Tanchev arrives in Amman today for a three-day official visit, according to an emhassy press release

The embassy statement said that Tanchev, who is also the leader of the Bulgarian Agrarian Party, the co-ruling party, will deliver a personal message to His Majesty King Hussein from Bulgarian State Council President Todor Zhikov.

Jordan will be the first leg of a regional tour which will include Iraq and Egypt successively, the mic officials

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Tanchev's talks with Jordanian officials will encompass issues of hilateral relations and prospects for their promotion and diversification. Opinions will be exchanged on the topical issues of the international situation and on the situation in the Middle East,

the statement said. Tanchev's visit to Jordan is the first on such a high level. Bilateral contacts are most active in the field of economy, as annual trade amounts to about \$20 million.

The delegation is composed of senior ministerial officials responsible politicians and econo-

New stamp issue marks King's 'Man of Peace' award

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications will today issne its first commemorative stamp for 1988 entitled "King Hussein, Man of Peace of 1987," Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan announced here Friday.

The stamp marks the awarding of the Dag Hammarskjold Award for Peace to His Majesty King Hussein in August, 1987.

The minister said that the awarding of the Dag Hammarskjold Award to the King was a nohle expression of the world's appreciation of His Majesty's efforts towards establishing peace for humanity.

Haj Hassan said that the minis-

try would inform the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the Arah Postal Union about the new commemorative stamp issue. The two unions will then distribute collections of the stamp to their member states.

The ministry has printed some 300,000 of the new issue, which consists of two denominations, both carrying the King's photo.

Indonesian youth minister departs after signing protocol

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan and ter of Youth Awad Khleifat. Indonesia have signed a protocol on bilateral cooperation in youth

and sports affairs. The protocol signed Thursday, calls for exchange visits by sports and youth teams and scont groups; as well as cooperation in

sports training.

The protocol followed talks here between Indonesian Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Abdul Ghafour Edriss and Minis-

During his three-day visit Edriss also toured sports facilities and visited youth organisations. The two ministers who signed the protocol exchanged brief speeches, expressing hope for increased cooperation between the two countries in all sports and

youth activities. Following the signing cere-mony, the Indonesian minister left for home.

Kuwaiti education minister leaves after touring schools

AMMAN (Petra) — Knwaiti the next two years.

Minister of Education Anwar On the last day Abdullah Nouri has left Amman after ending his five-day visit to Jordan, during which he met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, and beld talks with Minister of Higher Education Nassereddine Al Assad and Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi.

and educational cooperation in and other officials.

On the last day of his visit, Nouri, accompanied by Hindawi, visited the International Baccalaureate School in Amman, where be was briefed on the school's development and educational programmes. He also visited the Polytechnic School in Marka, and reviewed its advanced vocational training prog-

He also signed a programme for organising hilateral, cultural Nouri was seen off by Hindawi Upon his departure Thursday,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Prince attends prayers at Nuzah

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, attended Friday prayers at Al Mughira Ibn Shu'ba Mosque in Jabal Al Nuzah. The Crown Prince listened to a sermon which focused on the concept of honesty, and later shook hands with worshipers.

Outgoing S. Korean envoy honoured

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Royal Decree has been issued, conferring the Medal of Independence of the First Order on South Korean Ambassador to Jordan Dong Soon Park, in recognition of his services at the end of his term of office here. Park who was appointed ambassador to Jordan in May 1985, has been transferred to another post at the South Korean Foreign Ministry. He will be succeeded be succeeded by Taejin Park.

EC: Israel violated agreement

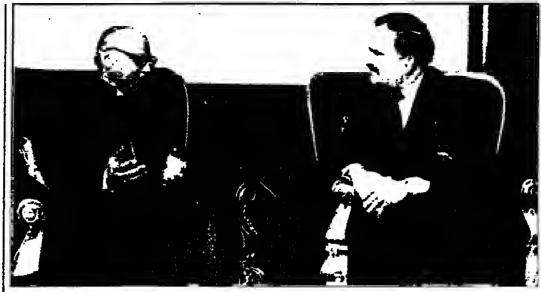
from a West Bank firm to Britain,

A shipment of lingerie from Ramallah, properly certified as of West Bank origin by the local chamber of commerce, arrived at British customs with a document

stating the origin as "Israel."

(Continued from page 1) what it called this "severe case of the export of manufactured goods fraudulent substitution," the EC official said.

The European parliament has twice delayed ratification of an EC-Israel finance protocol, lowering tariffs on exports such as cut flowers to take account of the entry of Spain and Portugal into Britain reported the matter to the EC, on technical grounds the European Commission, which the Israelis contended were politically motivated.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Friday receives Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem

Jordan, EC agree on projects to be funded by \$120m protocol

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — A delegation from the European Community (EC) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) will leave Amman for home today, winding up a week-long visit during which they signed an agreement covering Jordanian projects to be financed under a \$120-million protocol

concluded last year.

The head of the EC delegation,
Eberhard Rhein, and Ministry of Planning Secretary-General Ziyad Fariz signed the agreement which provides for grants, subsidised loans and risk capital for projects in agriculture, water re-sources and industry identified in Jordan's current \$10-billion fiveyear plan which began in 1986. The agreement followed detailed discussions with Jordanian

Under the agreement, the agricultural sector will benefit from approximately 40 per cent of the protocol's total funds, particularly water resource development pro-

jects. Nearly 25 per cent of the funds will be devoted to the industrial sector for investment promotion, establishing industrial standards, mineral research and supporting industrial enterprises.

The remainder of the protocol's funds will support educational and scientific cooperation, energy development and other economic infrastructure.

"Jordan has proved to be a very efficient user of the EC's protocols, prompting us to sharply increase the volume of our financial and technical assistance to this country," said Rhein, who is the director of the Mediterranean, Middle East and Arah Department for the EC.

condition; and it is hoped that the horse parade in Petra will pro-

duce the same response.

The initial idea to set up a clinic

in Petra came from several direc-

tions simultaneously - from

Princess Alia, from director of

Antiquities at Petra Inyazi Cha-

han, and from Brooke, Through

cooperation betweeen these par-

ties, the scheme came to fruition

much quicker than anyone could

One of the representatives

from Brooke, who came in 1986

to make an initial report for the

charity on the state of equines in

and especially in Petra, Ms. Chris

Larter, is now resident in Jordan.

Once the clinic starts functioning, Larter will be making fortnightly visits to Petra to report on the

clinic's progress for the Brooke
Hospital in England.

Larter, who recently won an
award for her outstanding
achievements in the field of

equine welfare from the Horses'

and Ponies' Protection Associa-

tion, also hopes to help set up a

Jordanian society for the preven-

tion of cruelty to animals. En-

couraging the evolution of this project is Her Royal Highness

Princess Zein, who has offered to

have the society under her pat-

Also supporting the proposed project is the Society for the Protection of Animais in

have hoped.

Addressing a press conference following the signing ceremony, Rhein said that it was hoped that the modest allocation for "risk capital" would stimulate venture capital schemes in Jordan.

Rhein paid tribute to EC-Jordan relations, and said he was impressed by the handling of the Jordanian economy and the loans that finance development projects in the country.

During his visit, Rhein said he met with Jordanian businessmen to explore areas for industrial cooperation between the EC and Jordan, He urged Jordan to diversify its agricultural products sold in European markets, and said that lowering produce prices could ensure a more competitive position for Jordan in EC markets, as well as help adjust the halance of trade, which is now in favour of Europe.

The delegation Friday visited Petra and other sites in the south.

Crown Prince, patriarch of Jerusalem stress need to bolster interfaith dialogue

occupied West Bank via King

Hussein Bridge on his first trip to

Jordan since his appointment last

riarch Sahbah, the first Arah to

hold this post, will meet with

The Patriarch of Jerusalem was received upon arrival hy the Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd

lbn Zaid, who was deputising for

His Majesty King Hussein, and

Sheikh Khayyat, deputising for Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, as well

as other officials, parliamenta-

rians and Muslim and Chrisnan

Hundreds of Christians were also at hand to greet the 54-year-

old Palesnnian upon his arrival at

the Marj Al Hamam suburh of

senior Jordanian officials.

During his week-long visit, Pat-

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crown. Prince Hassan, the Regent, Friday received newlyappointed Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Micbel Sabbah, who arrived here from occupied Jerusalem, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The Crown Prince and Sabbah stressed the need to strengthen the dialogue between Muslims and Christians, according to

The two had a brief chat and made positive remarks on the need to strengthen the Christian-Muslim dialogue," a Roman Catholic church spokesman said, quoted

The meeting at the Plaza Hotel was attended by Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Educa-tion Thougan Hindawi, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khavyat, Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani and enior officials.

Prince Ra'd welcomed Pat-Sahhah arrived here from the

nn his new post, and wished him continuing success in his mission. Sahhah, in a statement to Pet-

ra, said that he came from the occupied territories where the Palestinian people were enjoying high morale despite the plight they were facing. He also expressed his hope that comprehensive and just peace would prevail in the region.

During the welcoming cere-mony Deputy Daoud Suleiman Daoud, chairman of the Occu-pied Territories Affairs Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, delivered a speech in which he welcomed Patriarch Sabbah as the first Palestinian Arab Laun Patriarch of Jerusalem. "It was a wise decision by Pope John Paul Il to select you as head of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Daoud

The decision, he added, came at a time when the Palestinians in the occupied territories were facing the most hrutal and oppressive measures at the hands of the Israeli occupation authorities.

Mu'ta University to expand facilities

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Multa University near Karak expects the number of students enrolled in its civilian wing to increase to 3,000 from 700 in the next three years, and has made plans to expand its facilines to cope with the in-

crease. Mu'ta University President Ali Mahaizan saio Friday. He toid the Jordan Times that

a contract signed Thursday with a local construction firm provided for the construction of administration huildings and a library, in addition to water, electricity and telephone networks and other hasic services for the civilian

A local company, Ziyad Salah Establishment, won the JD 8.5million contract for carrying out the project which should be comThe funds for the project will come from the university's fiscal hudgets over the next three years. and no loans or external aid are expected to be involved, Mahaf-

He said that the university's 1988 budget was JD 11 million. up from JD 9 million in the 1987 fiscal year. According to Mahafzah, the allocated funds are normally spent on running both the civilian and the military wings

zah noted.

Newly-established clinic and shelter to rescue ailing horses at Petra is indeed established.

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

officials and is in implementation

of the third protocol between the

AMMAN — Anyone who has visited Petra in recent years cannot have helped feeling more than a little sorry for some of the 287 ponies that take the tourists

down the Siq.
Often badly shod and sometimes thin, tired and worn out, these horses, in between rides, stand all day under the beating sun without the benefit of shade and with little access to water. This sad state of affairs, howev-

er, will not continue for much longer; for in its final stages of construction is a clinic and shelter established by the Brooke Hospital for Animals, a Londonbased charity.

Designed by local artist and architect Ali Jabri, the small unohtrusive group of buildings that make np the clinic and shelters have been constructed ont of local stone, thus allowing the structure to hlend in completely with its magnificent surround-

The clinic itself consists of a treatment room, a room for the veterinarians and medicine and a farrier's shop. Behind the clinic are two boxes for any cases which need to stay for treatment or observation. The shelters are grouped around the clinic so that the resident vet can check all the horses on a daily basis.

Organising Secretary of the Brooke Hospital Richard Searight says, "There will be no escape for the less cooperative owners, as horses will be actually hired from the shelter area; if an owner does not leave his horse at the shelter, it cannot be hired."

"All in all," Searight con-tinued, "this is a most exciting project, as its potentially controllable nature should allow us to bring all the horses up to a very reasonable standard."

A hlacksmith, fully trained at the Royal Stahles, will be resi-dent at the clinic, as well as a specially trained vet. The medicine, vaccines and X-ray facilities have all been provided by the Brooke Hospital, and treatment will be free to those who cannot afford to pay; and to those who can, a small, nominal, subsidised fee will be charged. The Ministry of Agriculture clinic behind Wadi Musa will still operate, providing care for the various animals in the whole area.

The official opening of the clinic is planned for March 1988 when Her Royal Highness Princess Alia, who has been greatly involved in the clinics establishment and for whom the clinic will be named, will judge a parade of all the horses.

This idea is based on a successful scheme started in Luxor, Egypt where the Brooke also has a clinic, in which the owners of carriage horses that qualify for the best-kept horse win small monetary prizes, while the first prize winners receive magnificent new harnesses. Much sought after, these prizes generate enthusiasm to keep the horses in good





A tired and worn-out horse waiting for tourists at Petra

Andrew Higgins, to discuss the project with the ministry. SPA-NA has offered to provide a mohile equine welfare unit (a converted Landrover), stocked North Africa (SPANA), which hankets, suitable dressings has sent a representative, Dr. and medications, which would

tour the northern half of the country with two or three special-ly-trained vets. SPANA would operate the unit for a number of years, to be taken over at a later date by the Jordanian prevention of cruelty to animals society, if it

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atmosphere.

Larter bopes that the society would also help to establish eventually a cat and dog pound in Amman which would deal with the ongoing problem of stray animals. Having helped set up a similar project in Greece, Larter is convinced that it can work: "All the stray animals could be collected up and kept in the pounds nntil the owner or a new home is found. If neither is forthcoming, then some of the animals could be neutered and released again in order to prevent the increase in vermin; and others believe that with a little outside help and funding, it can be done

"What is also very important is education," Larter con tinued, "Young children must be told that kittens and puppies are living beings, and like themselves, they feel pain. I am fully aware that there are many human problems in the Middle East," Larter concluded, "but that does not alter the fact that dogs and cats exist and have to be cared Larter, who hegan her career

as a groom to many famous British showjumpers and then oper-ated her own horse-transporting husiness, collecting and deliver-ing all over Europe, has been involved with animal welfare since 1978, when she first became aware of the atrocities committed by those responsible for the trans- Jordan.

portation of livestock. After finding Yugoslavian horses dead and injured on a train at Modene on the French-Italian border, Larter reported the incident to the International League for the Protection of Horses, which after a full investigation, made some im-

Since then, Larter has been sent on many welfare trips not only for the International League for the Protection of Horses, but also for the Greek Animal Welfare Fund and for the Brooke Hospital, which, as well as the Middle East tour, has sent Larter It was in Australia that Larter

discovered brumby shooting - a particularly barbaric method of killing wild horses. The horses are shot because farmers believe they compete for food with their cattle and sheep. A helicopter is used as the most efficient way of scouring the outhack, but as it is not possible to kill cleanly from such an unstable mode of transport the horses often die from serious injuries.

Larter's untiring campaign ainst the shooting of hrumhies, like the many campaigns she has waged before, particularly in England where she has helped bring about changes in legislation in the transport and sale of livestock, will hopefully produce results. Her energy and dedication to her cause will also be of great help now that she is resident here in



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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Successful talks

IN an interview with French television, channel two, King Hussein called the world's attention to the current rebellion in the occupied Arah land against Israel's oppression and said that oppressioo and Israel's intransigence were responsible for the turbulent situation in the Middle East. The monarch also said that U.S. support and the American administration's policy in our region were not serving the cause of peace nor the interest of the United States, the Israelis or the Arabs. As the King spoke the presidential palace in Paris issued a renewed statement reaffirming France's total support for an interna-tional cooference to deal with the Middle East questioo, and bring about a lasting peace. The statement was an immediate reaction to the King's talks with President Mitterrand. The French support for the conference coupled with the Vatican's favourable views in support of justice in the Holy Land are bound to give real momentum to the peace process; and they reflect the positive outcome of the King's talks with the Pope and the French president. As the world continues to give the Arabs more and more support for their quest, the Israelis tend to be more intransigent and more adamant io their condemned position.

Al Dustour: France supports peace

THE French presideot's statements in support of an international conference on the Middle East reflect his deep understanding of the situation in the area and the need for re-establishing a lasting peace and justice. The French position is clearly directed against Israel's expansionist aims and objectives and against the cootinued repressive measures imposed on our people. This hooourable French stand which was reaffirmed in the wake of King Hussein's visit to Paris and his talks with President Mitterrand is a reflection of the European Community's stand which supports the cause of justice and peace. This stand is a far contrast from that of the United States which offers unlimited support to Israel and encouragement for oppression and arbitrary rule against the Arab people. Washington's total bias towards the Israeli aggressioo was recently displayed to the whole world through the U.S. veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution that would have condemned Israel's actions and inhuman practices. King Hussein's tour of European countries has thus yielded excellent results and succeeded in enlisting very strong support for the Arab cause from European nations in the face of continued Israeli cause from European nations in the face of continued Israeli intransigence and U.S. support for Israeli practices and policies.

Sawt Al Shaab: King warns of dangers

KING Hussein warned in a French televisioo interview of the serious consequences of contioued American support for Israel which opposes peace and justice. He also warned against the danger inhereot in Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's threats and provocative measures represented in the construction of more Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territory. The King reiterated the Arab Nation's offer to Israel: A swap of land for peace, and said that all Arah territory occupied since 1967 should be returned so that all countries in the Middle East can enjoy peace hased on justice. The King appealed to the European Community countries to exercise pressure on the U.S. administration to change its position with regard to the idea of an international conference and on Israel to force it to succumb to the will of the international community, and accept the principles of a lasting peace. The King who is touring Europe, advocating peace and justice for the Middle East, is aiming at ending 40 years of unrest and wars in our regioo; and Europe is the best areoa for advocating such cause in view of its countries' long experience of the tragedies and the disasters resulting from conflicts.

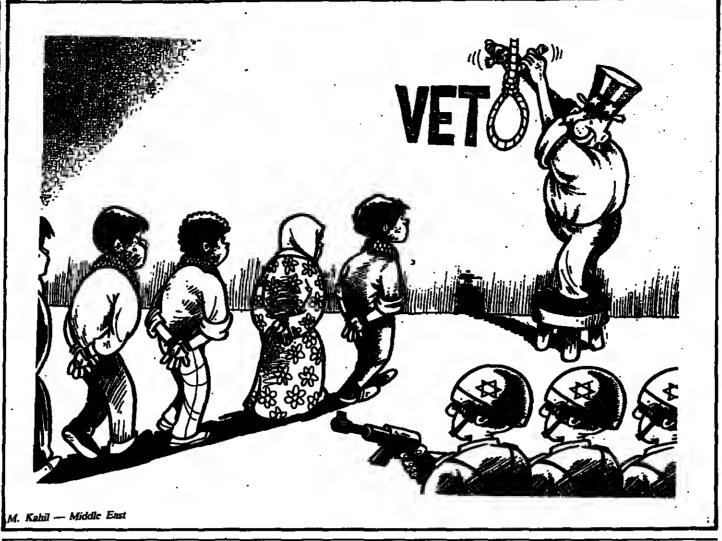
Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Murphy is coming

THE United States has decided to dispatch an envoy to the Middle East on a rather peculiar mission which is bound to end in failure. Reports have said that Richard Murphy was planning to visit the area to advocate a proposal for holding local elections in the occupied West Baok and the Gaza Strip with the purpose of choosing representatives of the Palestinian people with whom the U.S. administration might talk on means of finding a solution for the Palestine problem. The proposal simply means dividing the Palestimans and drawing a wedge between them and their legitimate representative: the PLO, and so containing the current uprising of the Arah people against Israel. This of course implies ignoring the idea of an ioternational conference that can bring about a just settlement to the problem. The Palestinian people will never be taken in by this American trick, and they will never be dissuaded by such suspect offers from pursuing their struggle for freedom. At the same time, Jordan will never abandon the Palestinians in their present plight and will continue to struggle for convening the international peace conference; and will adhere to the role of the PLO, the representative of the Palestinian people. The U.S. administration which vetoed the latest U.N. Security Council resolution that would have condemned Israel's actions cannot be expected to offer a favourable offer to the Arabs, and the Palestinians. The Arabs should be on their guard against dangerous elements in the oew U.S. proposals brought to the region by Richard Murphy whose aim is to destroy the Palestinian people's struggle for

Al Dustour: Differing stands

KING Hussein's statements in Paris on Wednesday reflect Jordan's satisfaction with the French government's role in the Middle East and the question of the international conference. The statements which followed the King's meetings with French President Francois Mitterrand also manifested the Arab Nation's bitterness at the U.S. veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel's inhuman practices. As the Kiog said io his statements to reporters this veto implies eocouragement for Israel's practices against our brothers in the occupied Arab territory. It is quite strange to see the U.S. vetoing the resolution at a time wheo we hear reports about a decision in Washingtoo to dispatch a U.S. envoy to the Middle East carrying new ideas for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and bringing about peace to the region. It is as though the U.S. is not aware of the realities in our region and the Israeli atrocities which have been practiced on the Arabs for the past 20 years.



The deadly silence:

The absence of debate on the Middle East in U.S. elections

The following is the first part of a study by Dr. James Zogby, director of the Washington-based Arab American Institute. Parts 2 and 3 will appear in Sunday's and Monday's issues of the Jordan Times.

IN A DEMOCRACY, most major policy issues, whether foreign or domestic, are decided or at least infloenced by public debate. Especially in an election year,

this dynamic unfolds through candidate debates, poblic forums, opinion polis, and finally, in the voting booth.

This process of democratic debate has established a system of checks and balances which acts as a corrective, even on the most fundamental of levels. This is particularly true with those critical questions of policy which require broad poblic support for implementation or resolution.

We have all seen this dynamic public policy as equal rights for black Americans and womeo, the Vietnam war, the nuclear arms race, and U.S. policy towards Sooth Africa and Central

There is, however, one issue of national importance that has oot beeo debated, until now, in a presidential election. It is the direction of U.S. policy in the Middle East.

This is a profoundly disturbing fact, in light of both our interests and deep involvement in the Middle East and the real dangers to world peace that exist in this critical part of the world:

- There are, at present, over 40,000 U.S. military personnel stationed throughout the Middle East. In the past five years more than 300 Americans were killed in combat situations in the Middle East, more than in any other part of the world.

— In the past ten years, over two-thirds of all U.S. military and foreign assistance (\$50 billion) has gone to the Middle East. Over 90 per cent of this \$50 billion has been Israeli— or Camp David-related aid.

- Two-thirds of all the world's known oil reserves are located in the Middle East. Once taken for granted, these resources are at risk today due to the continued iran-iraq war.

Giveo these factors alooe, it would seem that U.S. Middle East policy should be a central issue in the public debate. This would seem even more likely in view of the dramatic, and at times tragic, setbacks the U.S. has suffered in the Middle East during recent years. But, in every national election

- up until the present one there has oot been a public de-bate on U.S. Middle East policy. In 1984, for example, President Ronald Reagan and Democratic candidate Walter Mondale did not debate or eveo discuss the Middle East, despite the fact that the U.S. had suffered repeated setbacks in that region during Reagan's first term. During theperiod 1980-84:

— Israel, using U.S. weapons in violation of U.S. law, bombed Iraq and invaded Lehanon with massive force;

- The United States took sides in the Lebanese civil war and became involved, for the first time, in a shooting war in the Middle East when the USS New Jersey fired shells at villages in the Shouf Mountains:

- the U.S. Navy became in-

volved in additional military con-

frontations with Libya and Syria. By 1984, U.S.-Arab relations were at an all-time low. Not only U.S. Marines, but American civilians and businesses as well became the targets of retaliation for the U.S. attacks on civilian villages in Lebanon and the U.S.'s economic and diplomatic support for Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

With the U.S. in such a preca-nous position in the Middle East during the 1984 elections, it is surprising that no Democratic candidate examined the Middle East issue, with the exception of former Senator George McGovern and Rev. Jesse Jack-

- Senator Paul Simon's position oo the PLO, which has radi-cally shifted during the campaign from one advocating dialogue to one favouring the closure of their U.S. offices;

- Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig's collaboration in Israel's invasion of Lebanon;

Vice President George Bush's involvement in the Iran

None of these issues have been pursued in candidate interviews or televised debates.

Public wants debate

Today, there is no American consensus on our Middle East

The result of this absence of real debate is that U.S.-Middle East policy is not subject to the checks and balances of public scrutiny; nor are candidates and office holders held accountable for their policies regarding the Middle East.

candidates discussed the Middle East at all, they did so in a simplistic manner — coodemning the terrorism which was a symp-tom of our failed policy or pledg-ing uncooditional support for

At oo time in the final election was Presideot Reagan called to account for U.S. setbacks in the Middle East.

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The press avoids the issues,

This review of presidential elections cannot be complete without a word about the role of the press, for the press also shares some responsibility for the failure of the candidates to deal with the Middle East.

Particularly during presidential elections, the press is entrusted with the role of interlocutor for public debate. It is the press that has access to the candidates moderates the debates, and conducts in-depth interviews with the presidential aspirants.

The U.S. press has reported responsibly on most crises that have occurred in the Middle East in the past seven years, and editorial and op-ed pages of leading newspapers have carried genuine and substantial debates over the conduct of U.S. Middle East

However, this scrutiny and eagerness to debate policy has not carried over into the electoral

Former Senator Gary Hart's character and Rev. Pat Robertson's financial empire have come under close scrutioy, but the candidates' stances oo critical issues relating to the Middle East have not, issues such as: - Pat Robertson's articulated

theology which calls for a nuclear "Armageddon" in the Middle East as necessary for the second Reagan administratioo continue to plod aloog giving near total

dle East policy questions.

As a national public opinion poll makes clear, 55 per cent of the American public support the

support to Israeli policy, U.S. public opinion and major U.S. institutions have begun to take issue with a broad range of Mid-

formation of a Palestinian state ("U.S. Attitudes on the Middle East," Survey Research Centre, University of Michigan. 1985). 50 per cent support oegotiations with the PLO (The Los Angeles Times, June 3, 1987) and 70 per

any other part of the world.

full and open debate on U.S. policy in the Middle East — and we oeed it now more than ever. In an effort to begin a much-needed debate, AAI has pre-

presidential nominations. It is our hope that by focusing

cent favour a neutral U.S. policy in the region, favouring neither Israel nor the Arab countries "U.S. Attitudes on the Middle East." Ibid.).

At the same time, major institutions, such as the Presbyte-rian Church, the Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and Black, Hispanic, and peace organisations, have adopted positions calling for a change in U.S. policies, including support for Palestinian statehood and negotiations with the PLO.

Debate needed to reach peace

1988 is a critical election year. The absence of an incumbent, coupled with the oumber of candidates seeking both the Republicao aod Democratic oominations, ensures that on most critical issues a public de-bate will develop. This should also be true of the Middle East

In the past 20 years, the United States has spent more money, sent more weapons, lost more lives, and had more hostages taken in the Middle East than in By any set of objective stan-dards, the U.S. has failed to play

a creative role in bringing peace to the region. We oeed to have a

pared this preliminary report on the Middle East positions of all the major candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties'

greater attention oo the candidates' positions, scrutiny and debate will begin.

600 Israeli academics demand occupation end

The following article is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -More than 600 of Israel's top academics, including a former president of Hebrew University and an Israel Prize winner, have joined a campaign to end the occupation of the territories.

The professors have signed a strongly-worded petition expressing "deep concern" over Israel's future, and they warn that "no solution is possible" while it maintains control of Gaza and the West Bank.

Among the signatories are Shmuel Eisenstadt, one of the world's leading sociologists; for-mer Hebrew University president Dan Patinkin; sociologist Yona Rosenfeld; writers Amos Oz and A.B Yehoshua; historian Shmuel Ettinger; and Israel Prize winning economist Menahem Ya'ari.

The document was published Friday in several daily newspapers, and is the curtain raiser to a campus eampaigo ioeluding "teachings" in all Israeli universi-

The petition calls on the goverument to "re-evaluate" its poli-cy and emphasises the connection

between escalating violence in the territories and the "diplomatic freeze of the past 20 years."
It continues: "There is no solutioo to the situation in which

Israel is caught, as long as the

imposed control of the Azab population in the territories con-

The use of power to enforce law and order is a way of ignoring the roots of the problem, it continues. And it warns that burdening the army with the task of

policing the territories is prevent-

ing it from carrying out its main task: The defence of the country. "We cannot accept that young conscripts find themselves trapped in a situation in which they have to open fire on young peo-ple and civilians because of the unwillingness of the government to deal with the deep roots of the

problem," say the professors.
They continue: "This situation is unacceptable morally and diplomatically. We call on the government to immediately take steps that will lead to diplomatic negotiations, before they lose all control of the situation."

Law professor Mordechai Kremnitzer, one of the organisers of the campaign, said that signa-tures had come from all over Israel, incloding the Hebrew University, Beersheba University, Haifa University, Tel Aviv University and the Weizmann Insti-

This is "the biggest campaign of its kind" ever launched by Israeli academics, he said. "It results from a deep feeling of frustration and the belief that without political change, the situation can only get worse.

King concludes talks in Paris

(Continued from page 1)

He said that the Palestinians in the occupied territories, having lost hope in the ability of Arab countries and the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation (PLO) to restore their rights, resorted to

the current oprising.

He warned Israel that its continned opposition to convening an international peace conference on the Middle East was bound to lead to disaster because "the revolt of stooes and stick could develop and escalate into a very dangerous situation that

threatens the entire regioo." The King stressed that Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, including Arab

Jerusalem, was a prerequisite for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conffict. "Jerusalem is not a political

should be made the essence of

adding that the ongoing Palestinian uprising "has created new realities."

name of the second of the obstacles in the way of convening the proposed conference would be removed "before it is too late."

The King said: "It is quite clear that Israel has a great influence on decisionmakers in the United States. This, unfortunately, is a reality...

"But on the other hand," the King added, "one expects that a superpower such as the United States would realise that it has interests and responsibilities and that it faces duties. We hope this will be realised before it is too

The King said Jordan insisted on a invitation to the PLO to attend the international conference, "provided it accepts what we have all accepted."

The King said he expected the European Community and the world to "exercise moral pressure in the interest of all countries in toy. Jerusalem is important for the region.' the three major religious and

Regent urges bridging gap

ness (of Palestinians), confronting the occupation and liberating the land - without proper knowledge of the intricacies and contents of the issues at hand."

The Crown Prince pointed out to the alienation of the Palestinian population in the occupied territories due to division in political ranks on the outside and Israel's policies of exploiting these divisions. Prince Hassan was referring to divisions within the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation (PLO) and the discrepancies in stands of Arah states.

He said Israel has repeatedly attempted to sow the seeds of division within and without the occupied territories, incloding a separation between Palestinians under Israeli rule after the 1948 war and Palestinians in the territories occupied during the 1967

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Arab-Israeli war. "We oeed to reconsider our assessment of issues and estima-

tioo of events in an objective manner as thinkers and analysts and to sincerely address the conscience of our citizens who, every day, bleed to the tragic sight relayed by the media of the suf-fering of Palestioians under Israeli occupation."
He ooted that Israel was

attempting "to spoil the image of the innocent and spontaneous Palestinian struggle and sacri-Arabs on the ontside should

not try to attribute the uprising to themselves, he said.

The responsibilities of our intellectuals and media people is great, in the way of clarifying and analysing the situatioo. We are in a bad need for the gathering of all sincere and enlightened forces" the Crown Prince concluded.

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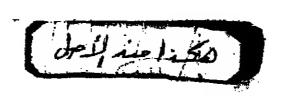
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The other Australians

All kinds of jollifications are planned as Australia starts its bicentennial year. But for some — the original inhabitants — there is little to celebrate. Chris Sherwell reports on a sour note among the

Aborigine protester Burnum Burnum, an actor-writer who travelled from Australia to England to

claim the country for the Aborigines, plants the red, yellow and black Aborigine flag near the cliffs

of Dover. Burnum, wearing tribal paint, said: "In

SYDNEY — As celebrations of Australia's 200th anniversary of white settlement move into top gear, the appalling fate of the country's indigenous Aborigines is coming under intense scrutiny.

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To judge by accounts abroad, it the only bicentennial story. Here is a rich country of 16 million people celebrating 200 years while 225,000 Aborigines, among the poorest people in the world, can trace their origins back 40,000 years.

At home, the issue has become inescapable as aboriginal groups have mounted vocal protests at important hicentennial functions and insisted that, for them, there is nothing to celebrate.

In sympathy, the federal minister responsible for aboriginal affairs, himself white, is boycotting the celebration organised by his own government.

Another minister has said Australians have to face up to the shame of their past before they can celebrate the glory of the last 200 years. Even Boh Hawke, the Prime Minister, whose govthe aboriginal issue when reelected six months ago, has spoken of the "crimes of the past" and foreshadowed a "compact" with the should be a specific with the specific with the specific with the specific with the pact" with the aboriginal people. Like all collisions between race

and politics, however, the aboriginal issue in Australia is far from simple. For a start, Aborigines are a diverse group of communities and peoples, hving in cities and open country all over

It is young urbanised abor-iginal radicals who have worked to co-ordinate public protests against the bicentennial. The protests include marches, noisy demonstrations and displays of slogans and flags. They are intended to be peaceful but embarrassing.

The radicals' individual spokesmen are mostly self-appointed and acknowledge that they represent themselves as much as their people. They disagree with each other, with Aborigines who have "made it" and with traditional leaders in the Outback.

Indeed, a range of different aboriginal groups has readily accepted government money not least from the Australian Bicentennial Authority itself to advance their more immediates, those for other Australians. mterests.

The most notable example is the assistance, worth more than A\$2.5 million (U.S.\$1.8 million), given to the Alice Springs-based aboriginal enterprise called Imvision licence hroadcasting programmies to the Northern Territory and South Australia. The station began transmission last month.

Another A\$50,000 grant went to the coloniful Burnum Burnum to write a traveller's guide on aboriginal Australia. He flew

to Britain recently and, on Australia Day, read a declaration on the white cliffs of Dover that be is

He said he was ridiculing the idea of a

country being claimed by a group of people. His protest coincided with Australia's 200th birthday

celebrations in Sydney.

taking possession of England on behalf of the aboriginal peoples. Accusations regarding poor aboriginal living conditions have come thick and fast. Page one of the annual report of the federal government's Department of Aboriginal Affairs states bluntly that aboriginals are the most disadvantaged people in Australian society.

It goes on to say that life expectancy is 20 years less than that for other Australians, infant mortality is nearly three times that for non-aboriginal Australians, and 32 per cent of aboriginal children up to the age of nine have some form of trachoma. In addition, aboriginal unem-

ployment is six times the national average, income for those employed is only half that of other Australians, most aboriginals live in sub-standard housing or temporary shelter and imprisonment rates are 20 times higher than

There are also social problems among Aborigines like glue sniffing and alcoholism, not to mention the outright racial prejudice they regularly experience at the hands of whites.

publicised contagion of aboriginal ail suicides - about 100 since 1980 - has led to the establishment of a Royal Commission which is certain to look beyond the individual cases.

none of this looks good when billions of dollars are being Financial Times feature.

lavished on bicentennial celebrations and projects. The government also knows that its embarrassment can be (and is) exploited by countries like South Africa, France and the Soviet

In fact much has been achieved since 1967, when Ahorigines were belatedly given equal citizenship and allowed to vote. One illustration is in the grow-

ing numbers of Aborigines in government, the professions and business. Another is to be found in aboriginal children's schooling.

The most tangible progress is to be seen in the Northern Territory, which is administered by the Federal government. There, land rights legislation has so far given Aborigines title to more than one-third of the land. Aborigines run their own land councils, legal and medical services, schools and radio (and now television) station.

As most of the territory's production comes from aboriginalowned land, revenues from royalties are being ploughed into business - arts and crafts, tourist

ventures, hotels and shops.

The lessons for Australia's six slow-moving and often shortsighted state governments are plain — land rights have provided a psychological, cultural and economic base from which the aboriginal community can recover their lost esteem, sense of identity and self-reliance.

That is why the federal government's recent talk of a "compact", and in particular its formal recognition last month that Aborigines were dispossessed of their land when the whites arrived, is so important.

Currently the legal position in Australia is that, pre-1788, the land was terra nullius - it belonged to no one. If that doctrine is abandoned in favour of a notion of conquest, it will remove continuing obstacles in relation to

land rights and compensation.

For now the precise thinking behind the government's move remains unclear. The "compact" has not been explained in detail, and the recognition of dispossession is only contained in a preamble to legislation yet to be passed — legislation which, incidentally, will set up a new Aboriginal Commission with elected representatives in place of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

For their part, the conservative opposition parties have said they dislike the way Aborigines are being singled ont as a race apart. They argue that Aborigines should be treated like any other Australians.

"In fact most Westernised people are under numerous misapprehensions about the best way forward for the country's aboriginal people. What is indisputable, as the rise of aboriginal activism makes plain, is that

It should therefore be no surprise that Australia's bicentennial is providing a perfect occasion to promote a cause and to purge a conscience. The worry is that, without better understanding, Australians appreciate that stronger will and concrete action, one of this looks good when it will all amount to nothing —

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Tue. — Feb. 9, 1988

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8:30 Martin Luther King

9:30 Executive Stress

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10:20 The Equalizer

10:20 Feature Film

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Sat. — Feb. 6, 1988

8:30 Married with Children But 1 didn't Shoot the Deputy

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9:00 Variety Show

10:20 French Feature Film

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Sun. — Feb. 7, 1988

8:30 Farrington of the F.O. Too Damned Hot

The consulate is in turmoil when Harriet's house guest, the recent-ly divorced Sarah, develops more than a passing fancy for the Major.

9:10 Doc. — Australia Part 2

Australia Will be There

10:20 Secret Army

One of Australia's most popular historical writers, Patty Adam Smith, covers the period from the end of the last century to the late 1940s, during which time — through Two World Wars — Australia developed from six distant colonies into maturity and nation-

Mon. — Feb. 8, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served

9:10 Vanity Fair

11:10 Three's Company

Wed. — Feb. 10, 1988

8:30 Charles in Charge

9:00 Doc. — Well Being Poison in the System

In Britain, toxic waste dumping is often sloppy and dangerous and ill-effects on people's health are slowly emerging. In America, sickness caused by careless bazardous waste disposal is already rife. Well Being went to 3 counties in New Jersey, the garden state of America and sees how the contamination of water, air, land and sea is dramatically affecting people's lives.

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10:20 Hold the Dream A new four part mini-series

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Thur. — Feb. 11, 1988

8:30 Martin Luther King

9:10 Rags to Riches

10:20 Feature Film When Dreams Come True

Starring: Cindy Williams David Morse

The story of a woman who dreams a lot, Many of her dreams come true especially those pertaining to murder crimes, which happened in her town. She meets a young artist who becomes a friend of hers. She suspects him to be the murderer.

Fri. — Feb. 12, 1988

8:30 Growing Pains

9:10 Magnum

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Some Mothers do Have

Defiant Athens mayor vows to bring in independent TV

By Granville Watts

ATHENS — Athens Mayor Miltiades Evert is known as "the bulldozer" not so much for his stocky build hnt for an ability to crash through government hureaucracy and get things done

When the government dragged its feet about permitting indepen-Becky takes a position as humble | dent radio stations in Greece last

A recent survey showed that Athens Radio, run by Evert's city

council in competition with the state-run Ert Radio Service, attracts more than 50 per cent of Athenian listeners and is already making a profit from advertising.

Now Evert, a 48-year-old leading figure in the main opposition conservative New Democracy Party, wants to introduce independent television in Greece. This is despite repeated state-

ments by the Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou that TV services are the sole responsibility of the state-run Ert network and the time is not yet ready for independent television. "No government can stop tech-

nology. When I feel the psychological climate is ready then we will bring in TV even if we are against the law," Evert told Reuters. "It will be set up here and let us

leave the government to break down the doors and pull it down if they want. But it will not be easy," he added.

The government last month

sent riot police from Athens to the northern city of Salonika to demolish a radio antenna set up

June, Evert set one up anyway by the Mayor Sotiris Kouvelas, a and defied the authorities to stop party colleague of Evert's. party colleague of Evert's.

The antenna, intended to give

wider range to independent Salonika Radio, was pulled down on the grounds that it infringed local laws because it was in a forested "It was just another govern-ment harassment. I think they

wanted to do the same thing to our antenna on Lycabetus hill in the centre of Athens hut they feared the protest would have been too hig," Evert said. Returning to his hid to intro-

duce independent TV, Evert declared: "Three years from now we will laugh at what we are arguing about today since technology will give us the capability to have unlimited TV access from abroad."

Some hotels and a limited number of wealthy Greeks who are bored with the two state-run TV channels have already installed dish satellites enabling them to pick up European services.

"If we do not provide what the people want, more and more will be getting their own satellite dishes. Greece is not a rich country, why should we spend this money when we can have our own station?" he asked.

By Andrew Gumbel LONDON — Britain has begun to turn the clock back on its liheral abortion law, passed in the

1960s during a sociological re-volution which also reformed

laws on divorce and homosex-Parliament, ignoring the pleas of women's rights groups, approved in principle a hill which would reduce the time limit for abortions to 18 weeks of pregnancy from 28.

The bill has several other stages to go through before it becomes law but the unexpectedly large support it received from MPs worried its opponents, who saw it as the biggest challenge yet to the 1967 Abortion Act. The hreakthrough, after a

number of unsuccessful previous attempts to restrict the availability of abortions, has come at a time when the conservative government is legislating to control school teaching on homosex-

Anti-abortion groups hailed the abortion vote as "a victory for compassion." Opponents voiced fears that a harsher law would lead to an increase in the birth of handicapped habies and a return to back street abortions.

The sponsor of the bill is David Alton, an earnest Roman Catholic bachelor who belongs to the small opposition Liberal Party. One irony is that the current law is the work of another one-man campaign by David Steel who is now the Liberal leader.

Alton's opponents hope to force through amendments to his hill during coming committee hearings which might make the time limit 24 weeks instead of 18. But Alton, who is a staunch opponent of all abortion, said his majority of 45 was bigger than expected and made him unwilling to make concessions.

Alton's bill is the fourth to be approved by parliament at this stage since the 1967 act. The previous three were all quashed in committee or killed by pro- abortions are under 20. A family cedural delays.

Divided public

Public opinion on a tightening of abortion legislation seems to be more divided than ever. A recent poll conducted for The Independent newspaper showed people divided equally between favouring restriction and wanting to keep the law as it is.

Many politicians including Prime Minister Margaget Thatcher believe the present 28-week upper limit is too high.

Under the 1967 act, a woman may seek termination of her pregnancy up to that time if she can convince two doctors that her physical or mental health is at substantial risk. In practice however, very few

abortions — only 29 in 1986 —

take place after the 24th week, the limit favoured by leading medical associations. Opponents of the hill say late abortions are inevitable because of the need to see two doctors and find a hospital that is willing to perform the operation. Many hospitals do not allow abortions

refuse to take part in them. 3 million abortions

after 12 weeks, and doctors and

nurses are entitled by law to

Alton supporters are shocked at the three million abortions carried ont legally since 1967. More than 172,000 were performed in 1986, of which over 8,000 were after 1g weeks.

Pro-choice activists are worried that the women most affected by the bill would be those with least

recourse to help. These include teenagers frightended to admit to anyone including themselves that they are pregnant women near menopause who do not realise they are pregnant rape victims and foreign women who come to Britain because of restrictive laws in their own coun-

Government figures show that 38 per cent of women having late

Britain set to turn back clock on 1960s abortion law planning organisation for young people described parliament's backing for the bill as "highly

ly planning services are faced with increasing cuts." **Dustbin of Europe**

irresponsible at a time when fami-

In 1986, 40 per cent of abortions at or over 1g weeks were carried out on foreign women. more than a third on women from countries where abortion is

Alton supporters who said during the debate that Britain is becoming the "foetal dustbin of Europe" were countered by accusations that the bill was insensitive to the plight of foreign

"Women who need abortions do not travel to England to have them because they want to. They do so because they have to,"

gynaecologist Dr. Wendy Savage, who was one of the leading figures in the anti-Alton campaign, wrote in a recent article.

While opponents of Alton promoted their cause vociferous-

movement

Groups such as Life and the Society for the Protection of Un-born Children (SPUC) circulated a million colour postcards of an 18-week old foetus sucking its

ly in the media and at public meetings, his supporters con-ducted a quieter campaign includ-ing silent vigils and church ser-vices, reflecting the strong reli-gious base to the anti-abortion

They concentrated on the simple message that the foetns's right to life is paramount. Most late abortions, said the conservative Jill Knight, were on "perfectly normal children whose only crime is that their mothers did not

want them."

Did brain tumour surgery kill Pharaoh Tutankhamen? By Claus Korff ly painful operations.

TUBINGEN (DaD) — Ancient Egyptian medicine, which laid the groundwork for the high esteem in which Oriental medifasoinates scholars all over the world. The writings of Imhotep, the 2,800 B.C. universal scholar. contain many magic spells yet testify to the high standards of medicine nearly 5,000 years ago. Ancient Egyptian doctors are now known to have performed complicated skull surgery, to have filled teeth, to have used for release. Many pharaohs died so young fine gold wire to keep teeth in place and even to have opened the skull. Skull surgery was evidently an attempt to cure brain

felt by splitting headaches. Research scientists at Tubingen University, Federal Republic of Germany, have worked on many mummics that prove these points. Funded by the Scientific Research Association (DFG), Tuhingen anthropologists, human geneticists and radiologists have shown that operations of this kind were carried out as long ago as the third millennium B.C. Metal rods were pushed through the gums to treat abscesses, whereas skull surgery required more exacting preparations. Techniques varied. Either the skullbone was worn down by using hard stones to scrape it or small holes were drilled in the skull to form a circle, eventually giving access to the brain. Mummies with reconstituted bone substance show that many patients must have survived what undoubtedly were extreme-

tumours that made their presence

The German research scientists

have concentrated on mummies from the Nile Delta, from Upper Egypt and from northern Sudan. In all three areas they came complicated skull surgery. The term is used advisedly, as only the skull was opened. The hrain itself was not touched. Ancient Egyptian surgeons evidently worked on the assumption that evil spirits in their parients' skulls were to hlame for the headaches and must be afforded an opportunity

that they may well have died after operations of this kind. So scientists relish the prospect of checking the mummies of Ancient Egyptian kings for traces of "brain surgery." Tutankhamen, for instance, who ascended the throne at the age of nine, reigned for only a decade, from 1360 to 1350 B.C., and died while still a teenager.
The scientists who have set

themselves this task are not just interested in finding out how skilled Ancient Egyptian surgeons were. They are also keen to learn more about the overall cultural background of Ancient Egypt. Were operations only carried ont on the high and mighty or was surgery available for "ordinary people"? Was skull surgery carried out solely on medical grounds or were magic or ritual involved, and did mental illness occur in Ancient Egypt? The findings are sure to mark a new chapter in our knowledge of the Ancient World.

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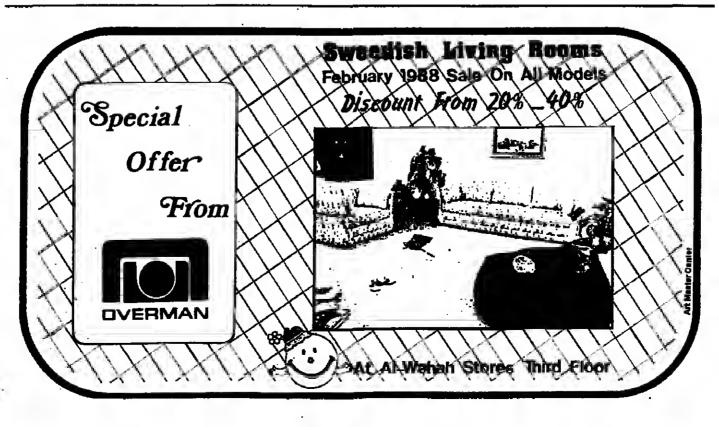
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Nash/EBB

Becker leads W. Germany to 2-0 lead in Davis Cup

lead over the Philippines by win-

ning the opening singles in the

Asia/Oceania Zone Group One

Toshehesa Tsuchishashi beat Andres Battad 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

and Chigeru Ohta beat Ringo

In Palermo, Sicily, Italy swept

the two singles Davis Cup matches against Israel Friday.

Italy's Paolo Cane, needed only one hour and 35 minutes to

down Israel's top player Amos Mansdorf in straight sets, 7-5,

Francesco Cancellotti outclas-

sed Gilad Bloom in the marathon

opener, winning 6-1, 6-2, 6-8, 6-4

Italy can wrap up the hest-of-five match in the doubles Satur-day. Reverse singles are sche-duled Sunday.

Syria wins by default

In Damascus, Syria's Davis

Cup tennis team won against

Saudi Arahia by default Friday

when the kingdom's players

failed to turn up for the scheduled

group 2, Asia/Oceania zone

Syrian sports officials said the

Saudis apologised for not being

able to attend. It was not im-

mediately clear what prevented

them from turning up for the tennis matches in Syria.

The matches had been sche-

duled to begin Friday and con-

tinue through Sunday. When the

Saudis failed to turn up, the

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(ITF) announced that Syria had

Syria now will play Singapore in the next round April 8-10.

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Navarrosa 6-1, 6-4, 6-4

ESSEN, West Germany (Agencies) — Boris Becker showed he had shaken off the knee injury which has kept him out of competitive tennis since December by leading West Germany to a 2-0 lead over Brazil in their Davis Cup clash Friday.

Becker, displaying the power that won him two Wimbledon men's singles titles, overwhelmed Brazilian number two Cassio Motta 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.

Impressive reserve Carl-Uwe Steeh, a last minute substitute for injured Eric Jelen, then crushed Luiz Mattar 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 to give West Germany a commanding advantage ahead of Saturday's

In Prague, Czechoslovakia took a 1-0 lead over Paraguay in their Davis Cup World Group First Round tie when Petr Korda beat Hugo Chapacu 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Sri Lanka leads Malaysia

In Kuala Lumpur, Sri Lanka took a 2-0 lead over Malaysia by winning the opening singles of their Davis Cup, Asia/Oceania Zone Group Two tie.

Arjun Fernando beat V. Selvam 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 and Umesh Walloopillai heat Chow Chin Huan 9-11, I-6, 6-2, 6-1, 3-1.

India, Yugoslavia draw level In New Delhi, Yugoslavia's hig-hitting Slobodan Zivojinovic overcame the challenge of Indian Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to level the Davis Cup World Group First Round tie after Vijay Amritraj had put last year's final-

ists ahead 1-0. Zivojinovic, ranked 22nd in the world, started slowly and trailed 3-0 in the first set but his powerful

serve soon began to work.

He delivered a series of aces, with Krishnan finding the Yugoslav's heavily-spun second serve as difficult to deal with as his hlister-

ing first. Amritraj, 34, was untroubled against 20-year-old Bruno Ore-

sar, winning 6-3, 6-0, 6-3. In Jakarta, the first round of the Asian Oceanian Davis Cup zonal competition was halted Friday by pouring rain with Indonesia's Tintus Arianto Wibowo leading 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 against Thailand's Voraphol Tongkamchu.

Tennis officials said the match would be continued Saturday.

Japan takes lead in Manila In Manila, Japan took a 2-0

150 entrants for Grand National

LIVERPOOL (AP) — The 150th running of the world's most gruelling steeplechase, the Grand National, has attracted 105 entries according to organisers. Prize money of £100,000 (\$176,000) is on offer and has attracted past winners of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Irish, Scottish and Welsh grand

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Zamalek crowned Afro-Asian champions CAIRO (R) — Egyptian side Zamalek beat Japan's Furukawa 2-0 (half-time 0-0) Friday to clinch the Afro-Asian Soccer Cham-

pionship title. Zamalek, Africa's 1986 champions, attacked from the start but it was in the first minute after the interval that their efforts were rewarded when Effat Nassar scored the first goal. Striker Gamal Abdul Hamid headed home the second in the 60th minute to the cheers of about 50,000 fans.

Becker loses court battle

FRANKFURT (R) — West German tennis player Boris Becker has lost a court battle of a different kind. A Frankfurt court declared Thursday the former Wimhledon champion to be "a public figure" and turned down his claim for compensation and damages against a Wiesbaden publisher who used Becker's photograph, without permission, on the front cover of a book. The judge ruled that, as a public figure, Becker had rights for compensation only when his photograph was used for advertising

McEnroe reported out of European tournaments

PARIS (R) - John McEnroe has delayed his tournament comeback and pulled out of Grand Prix events in France and Italy this month, according to the French Sports daily L'Equipe. L'Equipe Thursday quoted the American's agent Peter Lowler as saying McEnroe was still troubled by pains in his back and hip. "He does not feel 100 per cent," Lowler said. McEnroe, who has played only exhibition and the antwerp invitation tournament since last September's U.S. Open, had been due to play in the Lyon Grand Prix next week and Milan the following week. He was hanned for two months after an angry outburst at the U.S.

Boost in prize money for Arc de Triomphe

LONDON (AP) — This year's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, Europe's most prestigious flat race, will be worth £500,000 (\$880,000) to the winner, a 25 per cent increase on the 1987 value, it has been announced. The Longchamp showpiece has been given its massive boost thanks to the sponsorship of Ciga, an international company specialising in high-quality hotels, and will be part of a weekend festival of horseracing which represents the most valuable meeting in Europe. The two-day fixture, to be staged on Oct. 1 and 2, carries a prize-mnny total of £1.5 million (\$2.64 million) and Ciga has agreed to back the programme for six years, until 1993.

Seoul says Olympics door still open for

SEOUL (AP) - Although North Korea has been condemned for its alleged role in the bombing of a South Korean jetliner, it won't be banned from joining in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, a

Assistant Foreign Minister

"The door is still open for North Korea to take part in the

The Lausanne, Switzerland-based IOC offered to let North

Park said 56 countries had con-demned North Korea since a woman confessed in Seoul on Jan. 15 that she had bombed the Korean Air (KAL) flight Nov. 29 on orders from the Pyongyang leaders. The woman said it was

North Korea has denied involvement, claiming that the plane's destruction was the work of South Korean intelligence agents to defame the north.

pic dispute.

North Korea

top official said Friday.

Park Soo-Gil told foreign reporters the north could take part in the games that begin Sept. 17 in Seoul as long as it drops its demand to co-host the event.

Seoul Olympics as long as they accept a compromise by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)," Park said.

Korea host some events of the Olympics in Seoul on condition it drop its co-hosting demand.

an attempt to disrupt the games.

The minister also said the up-coming "Team Spirit" joint U.S.-Sonth Korean military exercise would not affect North Korean efforts, if any, to settle the Olym-

month and the Sharjah Cup in the

United Arab Emirates next

month. The ban has deharred

Vengsarkar from both tourna-

The letter had not yet been

sent, the Times added, but might

be handed over before next Mon-

day when the selectors meet to

pick the squads for the matches.

Soviet speed skater rejects ban threat at Calgary

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CALGARY, Alberta (Agencies)

— Nikolai Gulyayev, the Soviet speed skater at the centre of a steroids controversy, arrived for the Winter Olympics Thursday seemingly unconcerned he could be on a plane home before the games begin.

"I'm here to skate," the world champion said after arriving from Moscow with teammates.

Asked for his reaction to the

possibility he may be harred from the games following allegations he sold steroids to Norwegian skater Stein Krosby, Gulyayev waved his bands and said: "It's ruhbish,

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), under pressure from the Norwegians to prevent Gulyayev competing here, is

due to discuss the matter Saturday

. The IOC has asked Soviet offi-cials what they intend to do about Gulyayev. But IOC Vice-President Prince

Alexandre de Merode told Reu-ters Thursday: "As things stand, there is no way we can take any action.

We have to prove something. We are waiting. At the moment we cannot do anything but wait. "I believe that if we want to

conserve some credibility we have to be careful," he added. We have to be very strong, but very careful and not do anything without a real basis of

"We don't know what is hap-ening." De Merode said. "We have asked the Soviets to tell us.' Gulyayev refused to discuss the allegations after pushing his way through a battery of press photographers at Calgary airport. He

said he would compete in the 500, 1,000 and 1,500 metres. He said he was "fed up" with being hounded by newspapers and did not know if he would discuss the allegations at a formal

press conference during the . Soviet sports officials have said

Gulyayev was an unwitting courier in a delivery of 800 Soviet-made steroids to Krosby.

But the Norwegian has maintained that he struck a deal with Gulyayev to buy the drugs for Western currency.

Steroids are not banned in Norway but it is illegal to import them from the Soviet Union. The use of steroids to boost performance is banned by the IOC.

Indian cricket in crisis after captain suspended tournament in Dhaka later this

leading cricketers Friday debated whether to refuse to play in two forthcoming tournaments because the national ruling body has suspended team captain Dilip Vengsarkar.

"Indian cricket is heading for its biggest crisis ever, said the authoritative Times of India in an article entitled "Showdown

None of the players, who in-clude all-rounders Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri, and opener Krishnamachari Srikkanth, was available for comment, hut sources close to them confirmed to Reuters that they had consulted lawyers and were considering what action to take.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday suspended Vengsar-kar for six months and fined him 10,000 rupees (\$750) for writing newspaper articles in defiance of his contract.

The Times, reporting from Bomhay, said the players had signed a letter saying they would not he available for the Asia Cup

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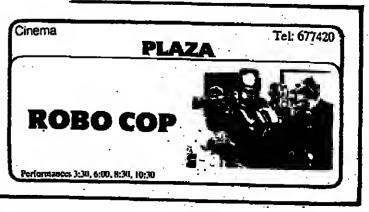
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Jordan gets IDB aid, loan

JEDDAH (OPECNA) — Jordan, along with two other developing nations, will receive a total of \$1.45 million in technical assistance from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). Jordan will also benefit from another seven loans totalling \$47.5 million granted by the IDB to seven Islamic countries to help them promote trade transactions. The assistance and the loans were approved by the IDB's board of directors at a meeting held in Jeddah Wednesday.

The approval came at the end of the IDB's 95th board session which also approved funds for projects to be carried out in Sudan, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Egypt.

Prominent transport company earns nearly JD 4.4m profits

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (IJLTC) last year generated profits estimated at JD 3.1 millioo and also gained nearly JD 1.3 million in capital reveones, according to LILTC General Manager Jamil Ibrahim.

Speaking during a visit Thursday by Transport and Telecom-munications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan to the company's beadquarters in Amman, Ibrahim said IJLTC now employs 1440 workers, 98 per cent of whom are Iraqis or Jordanians.

LILTC is continually training local workers on all types of work and maintenance technology to prepare them to replace the remaining foreign technicians. Ibrahim said.

Haj Hassan was briefed on the company's operations and programmes for the coming years. On Tuesday, the IJLTC signed a JD 3.927 million contract with the French company Renault Vehicles Industrials for supplying 150

trucks to help promote the work of the company and meet its expanding operations. With the arrival of the additional trucks, the ULTC will be owning

a fleet of 900 trucks that will boost its transportation of goods to Iraq from the Jordanian sea port of Aqaba. Ibrahim said that the new trucks will create new jobs for more people and will belp ease the congestion of goods accumulated at Aqaba. He said that another agreement will soon be signed with a

Yugoslav company for supplying trailers for the 150 trucks.

At the end of the meeting with IJLTC officials the minister toured the company's different sections and was briefed on their functions.

IWC lowers world wheat output

LONDON (AP) — World wheat prodoction for 1987 is estimated at 507 million tonnes, 28 million tonnes below the previous season's record, the International Wheat Council (1WC) said

In a detailed report on the world grain market, the council also said last year's output of coarse grains, primarily maize or corn, was estimated at 801 million tonnes, compared with 844 million in 1986 and the record 857

hither million in 1985. The council, a leading forecast-ing body, left unchanged its estimate that Soviet grain imports would total 33 million tonnes in the marketing year between July

It said the outlook for the 1988 world wheat harvest was "mostly

favourable," due to generally satisfactory weather during plant ings and early growth.

However, it said there was concern in some regions. Many key wheat areas in northern China lacked protective snow cover against cold air that moved in late last month, while light rains in India and Pakistan only partly recharged soil moisture and irrigation water supplies, it said,

Last fall's drought also hurt the ontlook for Tunisia and Algeria, it sald.

The council tentatively forecast the amount of land sown in wheat for harvesting in 1988 at 221 million hectares (546 million acres), "hardly changed" from 1987 and possibly signalling a halt in the downward slife in plant-

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

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TAIRIES (Apr. 28 to May 28) your financial affairs tonight.
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Postpone recreational activities un-

respons recreations activities until you can get your personal affairs
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dress very nicely this evening.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do
what you can to relieve the tensions
at home by spending more time
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day to entertain guests.

day to entertain guests.

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Jul. 21| Steer clear of anyone who is in a bad mood, or it could rub off on you. You'll need to follow a well-planned schedule today. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) This is not a good time to discuss money and property matters with anyone.

If you need to make some home repairs, do them yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You could get into a lot of trouble today

THE Daily Crossword by Albert J. Kleus

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tamper, so stay cool. Don't be critical of your friends. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your your mate may have to be postgreat time together anyway. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A friend who is in trouble should be

helped without a second thought; this person is most deserving. Drive very carefully today. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) If there are some obstacles in the path of your progress, remove them rether than trying to leap them. Don't neglect your bills. CAPRICORN (Doc. 22 to Jan. 20)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
Don't rely on others to belp your
progress. Pull yourself up by your
bootstraps and forge ahead. Postpone a trip you have in mind.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
This is a good day to study your
financial status and correct any er-

financial status and correct any er-rors you may have made. Don't get upset over a little setback. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Let a business partner know that you will carry through with any prom-ises you have made, and maintain harmony with this person.

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New York Stock Exchange restricts programme trading

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The
New York Stock Exchange and Exchange Commission (NYSE) dealt a major blow to (SEC) said his agency should programme tradiog Thursday, banning its use for index arbitrage whenever the Dow Jones industrials move up or down 50 points in a day. changes

The exchange said it would change Commission to make a permanent rule restricting use of its automated order system when the key market indicator moves more than 50 points in a day. In the meantime, the NYSE asked member firms to honour the rule voluntarily.

The 50-point rule applies to a method of programme trading known as "index arbitrage" take advantage of price discrepancies between stocks and stock ndex futures.

The ban would limit computer programme trading, in which orders to huy or sell are made by preset computer programmes as prices fluctuate and which is nearimpossible without the exchange's automated order

NYSE Chairman John Phelan called the ban "a step by the New York Stock Exchange toward limiting the potential market volatility caused by programme trading and reinforcing investor confidence."

Phelan, who has ofteo cited computer programme trading as a disruptive influence on the markets and a contributor to the Oct. 19 crash in which the Dow Jones average plummeted 508 points, made the announcement after an

NYSE board meeting. Exchange members sought a tightening of earlier temporary restrictions that had banned programme trading after the market moved 75 points.

Wall Street has become anxious that the public will shy away from stocks and Washington regulators will intervene to impose restrictive changes if wild swings in the market are not quickly eradicated.

Heads of Chicago exchanges reject single-agency control

The heads of the Chicago futures exchanges Thursday rejected proposals to place the stock and futures markets under the cootrol of a single federal

have the last word when there are disagreemeots with other federal regulators in overseeing the oation's stock and futures ex-

Leo Melamed, chairman of the apply to the Securities and Ex- executive committee of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, said the exchanges can correct flaws in the system by cooperating among themselves.

The expertise necessary to achieve the cooperation exists within the exchanges themselves. Our suggested approach is through the private sector," Melamed said.

Karsten Mahlmann, chairman computer-directed intermarket of the Chicago Board of Trade. trading which allows traders to said, "in our judgment, such a system of coordination would be more effective than the creation of a super agency structure." The SEC had staked out a

claim to be the dominant regulator of the nation's financial markets. SEC Chairman David Ruder wants his agency to have tiebreaking power in disputes with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (OFTC).

Ruder, whose agency oversee the stock markets, said on NBC television show "Today" that he'd like to see leaders of stock and futures exchanges "get together to tell us what kinds of measures they think are important" to improve the functioning of financial markets.

Speaking of the current division in authority over stocks and futures markets, he said: "It's my opinion that the Securioes and Exchange Commission should have what I think of as a tiebreaking function when we can't reach agreement with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the commission that regulates the futures industry."

Earlier, Ruder told the Senate Banking Committee that stock and futures markets are so closely linked it makes sense for stock index futures to be regulated by the SEC rather than by the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-

He rejected the notion - advanced by the presidential task force appointed to study the October stock market crash that the Federal Reserve Boardshould coordinate financial market policy.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Shares fell sharply in hectic late afternoon

business, partly oo bearishness for the new account which started at 1530 GMT, and partly on speculation in the FTSE 100 futures

market that the index was heading for 1,660 points.

The FTSE 100 share index dropped to 1,731.5 points by 1604
GMT, having been 23.2 points off at 1,743.7 only an hour before.

Reports that a major U.S. hroking house is forecasting 12 per

cent U.K. base lending rates by late in 1988 bad sent the market into a slide just after midsession. Dealers said lack of hnying for

the new account and talk that ICI might he considering a rights

"It looks as though the market tried to draw people in for the new account but when the buyers didn't bite they quickly marked

The background of the reportedly bearish circular was enough to put the market makers on the defensive about the coming account which brings sensitive economic data such as U.S.

December trade figures and U.K. inflation data for January.

Egypt reports slower growth

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's economic growth slowed to an average 4.5 per cent a year in the past two years, dragged down by lower oil earnings which plunged 38 per cent last fiscal year, the central bank said

caused a cut in foreign curreocy resources and was responsible for slow growth," the bank said in its report for the year ending last June 30.

Egypt depends mainly on oil exports, remittances from expatriate Egyptians, tourism and Suez Canal tolls for hard currency

Spurred by hard currency shortages in 1986-87, Egypt signed a per cent growth.

"The slump in world oil prices standby credits accord with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) last May and rescheduled payments on its \$40 hillion fore-

ign debt. The central bank gave no economic growth figure for 1986-87. but said the average for the past two years was 4.5 per cent. This indicated Egypt fared worse last year than in 1985-86, for which the bank a year ago reported 5.9

averaged 6.8 per ceot — against a from 2.4 billion pounds (\$2.2 bands target of eight per cent — during the five-year development plan which ended last year. Growth averaged 8.4 per cent in the plan's first three years.

The report said oil revenue fell to 1.032 billion pounds (\$1.47 hillion at the official bookkeeping rate) from 1.7 billioo pounds (\$2.4 billion) in 1985-86.

But the bank said canal revenues rose 17.5 per cent to 769 million pounds (\$1.098 billion) and it reported a 44 per cent increase in the number of nights tourists spent in Egypt.

The report said transfers from Egyptians abroad, the biggest source of hard curreocy, fell to

billioo) in 1985-86. Most Egyp-tian expatriates work in the Gulf and some lost their jobs because of the oil price slump.

The bank did not give the basis of its calculations. It normally makes conversions at an official bookkeeping rate of 0.70 pounds to the dollar, which compares A with a current market rate of about 2.2 pouods.

The budget deficit was 4.9 bislion pounds (\$2.3 billion at current free market rates), a 3.5 per cent increase over 1985-86, that report said.

It put inflation at 25 per cent, compared with 19.2 per cent the previous year.

oon, government officials have

Large foreign debt repays

a hard curreocy crunch event

though Turkey's export and towns ism earnings jumped in 1987.

analysts say.

Last year Turkey repaid about

\$5 billion in foreign debt and this year's payment will be at least \$6

billion, according to official fi-

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Turkey tightens foreign exchange regulations

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Premier Turgut Ozal Thursday announced a series of measures designed to halt speculation in foreign exchange and break the back of a parallel free market in hard currencies.

The measures, calling for tighter control of foreign exchange dealings, were interpreted by economic analysts as a step back from plans to further liberalise

An often repeated aim, converobility of the lira, has been shelved for the time being, Ozal announced.

"A foreign currency exchange will not be set up until financial markets are normalised and convertibility will come after the establishmeot of an exchange," Ozal told reporters after emerging from the Cankaya palace where he had his weekly meeting with President Kenan Evren.

In the past months the value of the Turkish fira against hard cur-rencies was much lower at the free market than the central bank official rates.

Last week the disparity between the two rates grew to 23 per cent while speculators rushed to Tahtakale, the name of the free market derived from the district in Istanbul where foreign exchange dealers operate, to sell their liras for dollars, Deutschemarks or the British pound.

The free market was paying 1,370 Turkish lira per dollar last week while the official rate was 1,118. Since then the free market rate has come down to 1,330 lira

One Sterling

One U.S. dollar

upon rumors of imminent governmem measures to bolster the lira. Interest rates for bank deposits flight from Turkish lira and a to handle such transactions. slide in real terms in bank de-

month time deposits went up to 40 per cent from 28 per cent. For terest rates were raised from 35 per cent to 45 per cent and for six month time deposits from 38 to

52 per cent.
Ozal said banks would not be allowed to go above the 65 per cent interest rate announced for one year time deposits. Last summer interest rates for one year time deposits had been freed but banks were paying about 58 per cent through a gentlemen's agreement.

The reserve requirement rate for banks was raised to 16 per cent from 14 per cent and dispon-sibility rate from 23 per cent to 27 per cent.

The government also raised the cash guarantee for imports from seveo per cent to 15 per cent in an attempt to make imports less attractive.

Exporters also face restrictions under the new measures.

Foreign exchange reveoues from exports must be repatriated in less than six months. Otherwise the companies will be banoed from foreign trading for three years, Ozal said.

Companies can oo longer keep 20 per cent of export incomes abroad in hard currency and they

U.S. dollar

Canadian dollar

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Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

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Norwegian crowns

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Swiss francs

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the huying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

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5.7060/90

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128.68/78

6.0430/80

One ounce of gold 445.60/446.10

6.3860/3910

6.4450/4500

35.31/35

1.6893/6903

are allowed to bring foreign exchange only through the central bank. In the past, other public were increased Thursday to halt and private hanks were allowed

Gungor Yener, deputy chairman of Turkey's chambers of The interest rates for one commerce and industry, said quick repatriation of export earnings would displease the exporthree month time deposits in- ters as they would not be able to make profits from foreign exchange speculation.

He also said raising interest rates for bank deposits would push interest rates on loans higher and thus fuel inflacion.

Most economic analysts believe high inflation and large foreign debt repayments are responsible for the recent havoc in Turkish money markets.

Inflation, which reached 67 per cent last year, forces small investors to seek a hedge in foreign currency or gold, they say.

The banks also got into the free

market for profits from specula-

porus University, predicred that the free market at Tahtakale will not wither away so long as high a 🕏 inflation continues. Raising interest rates on deposits may stop the fall of the lira for a few? months but people will return to Tahtakale if inflation continues unchecked, she pointed ont.

Japan favours protection for 'basic foodstuffs'

propose in forthcoming international negotiations on agriculture and trade that oations be entitled to maintain import restrictions on "basic foodstuffs" to protect domestic production, a foreign ministry official said Thursday.

"Each country must be enotled to implement certain import restrictive measures that are necessary to protect the livelihood (of the people)," said the official, who hriefed reporters oo coodition on anonymity.

He added that while the issue

of what constitutes hasic foodstuffs has yet to be addressed. Rice was one of the items the trols. sidering for protection.

At the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATI) talks starting Feb. 15. Japan also will call for freezing export subsidies at current levels before beginning negodadons on a phase-out of the subsidies over a fixed period of time, the official said.

Japan, which has recorded huge trade surpluses in recent years, is a major importer of farm products but has been under pressure from the United States and other countries to lift its

TOKYO (AP) - Japan will imports of beef and some other agricultural products.

Following Japan's acceptance Tuesday of a GATT ruling calling for the elimination of import con-trols on 10 farm items, the official said the government still is considering what action it will take to ease out the restrictions on eight of the 10 categories.

"There are many cases where action was taken one to two years afterward, looking at GATT ex-amples," he said, adding that the Japanese government will consider the examples as a precedent for determining a reasonable period of time to lift import care

On the issue of compensate to trading partners for maintain ing controls on two of the items, starches and powdered and condensed milk, the official said the government has oot yet decided ... is prepared to pay.

"It's a gray area and there an no rules of assessing value of the mterest of countries (involved), he said.

At the same briefing, ministry spokesman Yoshifumi Matsuda said his government was preparing to enter negotiations with the: United States on a new agree-

Peanuts



issue added weight to the late decline.

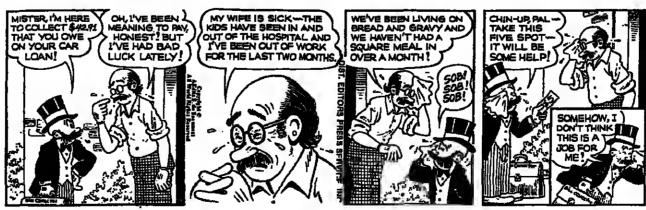
prices down," one dealer said.







Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp







import ban on rice and curbs on ment on beef and citrus fruit. THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS

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Ortega accuses Reagan of new plots for contra aid after House failure

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua's government has accused President Reagan of plotting new ways to help rightwing guerrillas overthrow it despite his failure to win more military aid for the rebels.

official acknowledged that the administration had begun considering ways to maintain support for the rebels, known as contras. after the House of Representatives voted 219-211 to kill Reagan's \$36-million aid request.

The commander of the contra army said the guerrillas would have to scale down their attacks and change tactics to conserve military supplies because of the rejection, although he vowed to

continue the fight.

Reagan got symbolic political support Thursday night from the U.S. Senate when it voted 51-48 in favour of bis aid package, but the vote had no practical effect since approval by both chambers The House vote Wednesday

night was generally welcomed in

Latin America as a boost for the

regional peace plan signed by the five Central American leaders in Costa Rica's President, Oscar Arias, who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize as architect of the plan, welcomed the vote "with

great joy and also with a sense of

In Washington, a White House great responsibility for Central America.

Arias said it gave Central America the right to ask other governments to stop aiding guerrillas in other countries, especially Guatemala and El Salvador, and removed obstacles to a ceasefire in the area.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said Thursday the defeat of the aid package offered new hope for a regional plan for ending Central America's conflicts. But this does not mean the

war has ended or is about to end in Nicaragua," he told news con-ference. "Already, Reagan is meeting his National Security Council, searching and studying new formulas for continuing the war against Nicaragua."

In Washington a White House official, who asked not to be identified, said Thursday: "This one's not over yet. We will be sitting down today to see what the next steps will be."

Two top contra leaders, Adolfo Calero and Alfredo Cesar, told reporters in Washington their forces would redouble their struggle against the Nicaraguan gov-

assistance from countries other ledging that their fighting funds would dry up by the end of

Speaking in a Central American country he declined to name, contra military Commander Enrique Bermudez said the rebels had been making about 300 attacks a month recently but that they would bave to be more selective in choosing targets and would probably stage fewer offensives to conserve military supplies.

He also said he contacted many field commanders after the aid vote and they agreed the six-year struggle would continue and morale remained high.

European reaction Thursday to the congressional vote against U.S. aid to contra rebels ranged. from praise to cautious accept-

West German Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, an opposition Social Democrat and a mediator between the contras and the Sandinistas, said the vote was a 'great success in efforts to con-

peace in Central America.

They said they would seek Harlem Brundtland said her country viewed the house vote as than the United States, acknow- a sign of support for the peace process in Central America, which has been supported by the

Norwegian government. Former Prime Minister Kaare Willoch, a Conservative who heads the Norwegian parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, said: "In the current phase of the peace process, it was correct not to give military aid to con-

In The Netherlands, a Foreign Ministry spokesman called the vote a domestic affair of the U.S.

"We continue to think that the solution to the Central American conflict should be peaceful," said the spokesman.

The Danish Foreign Ministry said it would have no official reaction to the vote.

Reaction from two Soviet-bloo

countries was similar.
In Potand, state-run Polish radio reported the vote as a hlow radio reported the vote as a hlow to Reagan's goal of "overthrowing the Nicaraguan government."

Britain's opposition Labour Party, regarded as liberal, said the vote heralds "a good day for democracy," according to Gerald Kaufman, the party's foreign

Reagan, Gorbachev nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (R) - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan have been nominated for the 1988 Nobel closely-guarded secret. Peace Prize for last year's treaty scrapping medium-range nuclear missiles. Nobel Institute sources

The sources told Reuters that Pope John Paul and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi were also

Institute Director Jakob Sver-

drup declined to give the names of any candidates, traditionally a

He said that 68 individuals and 19 organisations had been nomin-

Reagan and Gorbachev signed the treaty abolishing land-based medium-range nuclear missiles at a summit in Washington in December, the first agreement between the superpowers to reduce their nuclear arsenals.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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The days of the egregious psychic bid, when you opened the bidding with few or no points in a suit

where you didn't have any length.

have all but passed Teday, there is

a far subtler use of the psychic bid-to deflect an opening lead that you

From the moment his partner opened the bidding. South was de-

termined to play a slam in spades—and who can blame him" He started off with a jump shift to

think might prove unwelcome

Opening lead: Seven of T

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make sure the bldding would not be North-South vulnerable. North dropped at an "inconvenient" point. When North showed a bal-anced minimum with his two no NORTH ₹75 ÇQ964 trump rebid, South decided no harm, and perhaps a lot of good, could come if he muddled the wa ters a triffe. So he chose to rebid ♣J10 ♥J87 three diamonds.

When North confirmed a minimum with no particular At for ei-ther of South's suits, South wasted no more lime in getting to his desired goal. Everything now hinged on West's opening lead.

Imagine that poor defender's quandary. He had been around long enough to realize that South might have been pulling a fast one in the auction, but what If the auction was legitimate? In that case, leading the ace of diamonds could easily have presented declarer with an otherwise unmakable con-

West stewed for a considerable time over his opening lead, but he decided he would be better off if he treated the auction as geniune. So after great travail he selected the seven of hearts as his opening lead, to declarer's great delight. South could have made 15 tricks had the rules of the game permitted. It was unnecessary to point out to noot other would have been the winning

Mine kills 11 refugees on . Afghan-Pakistan border

said Friday.

of Peshawar. The mountainous area is crossed

by important supply routes for the anti-Communist Afghan guer-rillas based in Pakistan and fierce battles have been fought on the Afghan side. The rebel supply trails are often mined to hinder the flow of

Western and other arms to guerrillas in the interior.

told reporters Thursday's hlast took place three kilometres inside Afghan territory. He said the dead included six members of a single family hut gave no further 'Some Pakistani newspapers,

owever, said the mine was inside Kurram Agency and that the vic-

Police in Sbah Faisal Colony,

near the international airport,

communities exchanged shots

and stones, eyewitnesses said.

Police said they had arrested 40

in riots. It was lifted for spells

during the daytime so residents

could buy food and go to work and Thursday's violence erupted

during one such break.

A curfew was imposed on Jan. Friday.

18 after three people were killed in richt. They

city during the past 15 months in the village.

Pakistan reimposes curfew

after Karachi ethnic clash

troops reimposed a full curfew in communities.

KARACHI (R) - Pakistani armed clashes between the two

a suburb of Karachi Friday after overnight ethnic clashes injured six people. local authorities said.

A campaign against alleged discrimination by the Mobajirs, Muslim migrants from neighbour-

used teargas after militants from the rival Mohajir and Pashtun

Pashtuns, a tribal people from the North West.

fields.

A full curfew was reimposed Friday and was only lifted for weekly prayers at noon.

Mure than 350 people have been killed in Pakistan's biggest city during the past 15 months in the village.

mountainous frontier.

new long-range mortars and sophisticated mine-clearing nuipment awaited since last year from the United States, a guerrilcommander said Thursday.
Abdul Haq, Kabul commander

of the Yunis Khalis guerrilla fac-tion, said the new 120 mm mortars were used in January to destroy a Soviet-Afghan ammunition dump at Chaghaserai in Afghanistan's northeastern Knnar province.

The 120 mm mortar has major advantages over the conventional 82 mm mortar, he said.

The 120 can hit a target 6,000 metres away, about twice the range of the 82, he added. The 82 carries 7.27 pounds (3.36 kilog-rammes) of high explosive, while the 120 carries 34.2 pounds (15.5 kilogrammes), Abdnl Haq said. He said the mine-clearing

equipment consists of a rock that tims were on their way to a trails explosive primacord on the ground, detonating everything in

ing countries, has brought the

community into conflict with the

Feuding Pakistani tribesmen killed 18 people, mainly women and children, in an attack on a

defenceless village, police said

. They said ontlaw Qabil

Chachar and his band entered

Daulatpur village in Sind pro-

vince Thursday when most of the

men were ont working in the

in the peace process." In Madrid, Foreign Ministry spokesman Inocencio Arias said Spain considered the defeat of the aid package a step toward

when their pickup truck ran over a landmine on the Afghan-Pakis-tani border, a Pakistani official

The incident happened near the border village of Kharlachi in the Kurram Tribal Agency West

The political agent for Kurram Agency, Abdul Karim Qasuria,

wedding at Kharlachi. More than three million its wake.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) — Afghans bave fled the nine-year-Eleven Afghan refugees were kil-led and nine injured Thursday Pakistan and most live in refugee camps not far from the winding,

Afghan rebels have received

"The time is not right" for more meetings, and continuation of the talks would be against the interests of the Kampuchean people, he said. A third round of talks had been scheduled for Pyongyang, North Korea, in

The telegram, written in French, was sent to Hun Sen on Wednesday. A copy of it was delivered to the Associated Press Friday.

Sihanouk last Saturday announced be was resigning as president of the three-party resistance coalition known as Democratic Kampuchea, charging that one of the coalition partners. Son Sann, was trying to under-mine his talks with Hun Sen.

The non-Communist Son Sann and Khicu Samphan, leader of the Communist Khmer Rouge, have since urged Sihanouk to reconsider, and praised the prince as a "firm and great pat-

off talks with Hun Sen Khieu Samphan will arrive in Peking Saturday to try to persuade Sihanouk to change his

Thai-Lao fighting hinges

on battle for 'killing field'

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand's suing the fight as long as they six-month border fight with Laos can," he said.

has been reduced to a struggle for a single hill, with a Thai advance an 80-square kilometre swathe of

bogged down under a hail of

withering artillery fire in what

Thai officers have nicknamed

Military sources in Bangkok said Thai fighter-bombers and

artillery were pounding fortified Lao positions Friday on top of hill

1428 after taking over two other

hills in the disputed border area in a renewed offensive this week.

However, an advance of Thai

ground forces on the steep, thick-

y-forested and mined hill 1428

was heing blocked by heavy shell-

ing directed from within Laos at

the only approach to the hill, they

"We're calling this area the killing field," one well-placed military source said. A Western military attache described the ter-

rain as "incredibly rugged."
That Foreign Minister Siddhi
Savetsila said Thursday about 100

Thais had been killed or wound-

ed. The Thai army had said some

Laotians had been captured and that Laos had suffered massive

Another said although only be-

tween 50 and 70 Lao troops were

dug in on the hill it might take

several days to oust them. "They

have been bringing up reinforcements and are stubbornly pur-

PEKING (AP) - Kampuchean

Resistance leader Prince Noro-

dom Sihanouk has formally

halted talks with the head of the

Vietnam-backed Kampuchean

government, saying any future talks would he "sterile and

Sihanouk, in a telegram to Prime Minister Hun Sen, said the

two sides had reached an impasse

over crucial issues in two previous

rounds of talks in Paris.

Sihanouk formally cuts

"the killing field."

territory along the border, hasing

their stand on different inter-

pretations of a 1907 map drawn

colonial occupation of Laos.

up by the French during their

The dispute began last May

over logging rights in the area and fighting has flared sporadically since last August, with Thailand

sending F-5E fighter-bombers to

attack Lao positions in De-

One of the U.S.-built war-

planes was shot down by a Lao

SAM-7 missile Thursday, the

fourth day of a Thai assault on

the hilltop, about 400 kilometres

Both sides say they are willing

to negotiate a settlement, but

Thailand, whose population, re-

sources and army dwarfs that of

its eastern Communist neigh-

bour, demands a full withdrawal

of Lao forces before talks can

The Thai foreign minister, on a

visit to Malaysia Thursday,

directly implicated Vietnam in

the conflict. Thai leaders have

indicated . Vietnam was giving

anti-aircraft missiles, ammunition

and other support to enable Laos

to continue fighting. Vietnam has 40,000 troops stationed in Laos.

north of Bangkok.

In his message to Hun Sen, Sihanouk said Hun Sen's demand that the resistance lay down its arms "was unrealistic." He also said be could not comply with the demand that the Khmer Rouge, the main fighting force of the coalition, be disarmed before Vietnamese troops leave the country.

The prince also voiced dissatisfaction with Hun Sen's position that Vietnam would not withdraw its estimated 140,000 troops before 1990, and then only when the "Khmer Rouge danger" was eliminated.

Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in late 1978 to drive from Phnom Penh the Khmer Rouge, hlamed for launching a hloody reign of terror during its three years in

Sihanouk said Hun Sen had rejected his demands that the Vietnam-installed government in Phnom Penh be dismantled before general elections are held. The 65-year-old prince has said

he wishes to negotiate directly with Hanoi, an idea endorsed by China, the main backer of the resistance. However, Vietnam has said the Kampuchean issue should be settled by the Kampuchean parties involved and has so far turned down requests for direct talks.

Tripura state election win gives Gandhi a big boost

AGARTALA, India (R) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party received a boost Friday hy winning a majority in the Communist-dominated

north eastern state of Tripura. The surprise victory ended 10 years of Marxist rule marred in recent weeks hy a stepped-up campaign hy trihal guerrillas seeking the expulsion of Bengali

immigrants. Latest returns showed the Congress and its local ally had won 31 of the 59 results declared for the 60-seat Tripura State Assembly.

The remainder were won by the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) and the election in one constituency was revoked because of the death of a caudi-

Gandhi's supporters danced in the streets and hugged each other to celebrate the party's victory after a dismal performance last year when its only win was in the remote Nagaland state.

"The winds of change are blowing from the north east. First from Nagaland and then from Tripura," said Gandhi's poll manager Santosh Mohan Deh.

"This victory is of national importance. It shows that the Rajiv Hatao (remove Rajiv) campaign pursued by the opposition alliance is not a saleable commodity," be said.

However, the Congress Party, which ruled the nearby Meghalaya state, ran out of luck there and failed to secure a majority. The Congress bas taken only 21 of the 58 seats declared so far for

the 60-seat Meghalaya Assembly and its main rival the Hill Peo-ple's Union (HPU) bas won 19 The remaining went to inde-pendent candidates and local par-

ties which will decide who will form the government in coalition with them.

Tripura shot into headlines after the Tribal National Volunteer (TNV) guerrillas shot and killed 105 people in a bloody build-up to the elections.

Gandhi brought in the army to take over the counter insurgency operations, ignoring protests from the state's Communist Chief Minister, Nripen Chakraborty.

"This is the very decision which brought the Congress (I) more votes than it could ever imagine,"

Opposition leader warns of disunity against Ershad

DHAKA (R) — Opposition lead-er Begum Khaleda Zia says told a meeting of her seven-party attempts are being made to disunite Bangladesh's "democratic" forces and perpetuate the present government.

Khaleda did not identify the Object of her attack but political analysts said it was apparently the other main opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina.

"A conspiracy is being hatched to hreak the unity of the democracy-loving people on the eve of alliance Thursday night, "I urge all freedom-loving peo-

ple to resist such conspiracies and free the country from the clutches of authoritarian rule," she said.

She did not explain further but analysts said she was apparently criticising Hasina, who says a united campaign does not necessarily mean sharing the same political platform.

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'British make themselves look stupid'

LONDON (R) - People throughout Britain decided to look ridiculous for charity Friday, putting on funny red clown noses to pay for inoculations for African children. The charity campaign, called 'Comic Relief', was organised by British comedians on behalf of drought victims in Ethiopia and Sudan. The red noses were sold at railway stations, restaurants and charity offices for 50 pence (88 cents), which organisers said is the cost of inoculating an African child against all main preventable diseases. On London streets, businessmen in pin-striped suits strode to work wearing red noses. Morning television newscasters also put the silly noses on. Even a pin-up girl in the Sun newspaper wore one—and almost nothing else. Money raised will help the Oxfam Charity in Sudan, the Save the Children Fund in Ethiopia and 20 per cent will go to London's homeless, disabled and drug and alcohol abuse victims. Organisers said some four million noses were sold before the charity day began. "Comic Relief" ends with an eight-hour telephone fund-raising programme featuring Britain's top comedians, two of whom filmed documentaries in drought-stricken Ethiopia and Sudan.

Scola to head 1988 Cannes festival jury

PARIS (R) - Italian film director Ettore Scola will head the jury at this year's Cannes Film Festival, scheduled for May 11 to 23 festival officials have said. Although Scola will preside over the panel of film professionals who deliberate in secret on the winner of the festival's Golden Palm Award for best film, he has never won the coveted prize himself. The officials said the poster for the 1988 festival bad been designed by Hungarian artist Tibor Timar.

Animal society to inspect Moscow Circus

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The Australian Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will inspect facilities of the Moscow Circus, a society official has said. The official, Peter Barber, who is the Victorian state director of the society, said the Barber, who is the Victorian state director of the society, said the society will look into allegations of cruelty against the circus' tightrope-walking bears. "We always do an inspection, particularly of controversial organisations and shows that are using animals," Barber said. During the circus' opening performance at the Melbourne Entertainment Centre, a member of an animal-rights group climbed onto the centre's roof. The animal-rights are interested to the control of the said shows that are using animals." activist, Bethany Alldridge, who is a 26-year-old acrohat, said she was protesting the use of the bears in the performance. She has been cited for trespassing. An animal-rights group has claimed that the conditions of the tightrope-walking act are cruel for the

Chinese tombs ruin landscape

PEKING (R) — Superstitious officials have ruined beautiful scenery in southern China by building concrete tombs for their future use, an outraged Communist Party newspaper said Friday. The south west instruments factory had been entrusted with looking after Shecheng Mountain in Yunnan province but after planting a forest of cypresses, factory workers cut down trees, moved rocks and built 68 tombs. "The factory staff created a superstitions atmosphere surrounding these 'living people's tombs'," the party newspaper People's Daily reported. Each tomh was made of stone and cement, covering 16 square metres and topped with a headstone two metres tall. Gold and silver used to decorate the tombs were stolen from the factory whose top stonemason was booked up until Jime. Dragons were carved on the headstones for future male occupants, while phoenixes awaited the women. Local government officials ordered the tombs to be destroyed.

Brazilian assembly rejects death penalty

BRASILIA (R) — Brazil's constituent assembly has overwhelmingly defeated an attempt to introduce the death penalty into a few constitution. The assembly voted 392 to 90 Wednesday against an amendment imposing the death penalty for robberies, rapes and kidnappings leading to murder. The amendment was introduced by a veteran campaigner for capital punishment. Amaral Neto, leader of the right-wing Social Democratic Party. The new Brazilian constitution bans the death penalty in

Woman facing stoning freed on bail

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — An Islamic Court released on bail a woman sentenced to be stoned to death for adultery. It ordered a retrial of ber case. The court also challenged the prosecution that brought the case against Sbahida Parveen, ruling that it had not investigated sufficiently. An Islamic Court convicted Parveen, 25, of the capital crime last Nov. 7, ruling she was legally married to Khushi Mohammad, 52, when she wod her cousin, 35-year-old Mohammad Sarwar. Parveen maintained that Khushi divorced her in 1986 because she could not have children and he wanted to marry another woman. But the court ruled that divorce papers presented by Parveen were forged. Following a court hearing Tuesday and Wednesday, the judges said they asked that the case be sent to a lower court. Previously, two women were sentenced to be stoned to death but the sentences later were commuted to flogging or prison. The government of President Mobammad Zia Ul Haq introduced elements of Islamic Law into Pakistan's existing laws in 1979.

Reagan turns 77 Saturday

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan turns 77 Saturday and washington (k) — President Reagan turns // Saturday and his friends say the country's oldest president has weathered a rough year, is in great shape and is savouring his final taste of White House pomp and power. Nancy Reynolds, a close friend of Reagan and his wife Nancy, told Reuters: "I don't think be's ever looked better. He feels marvellous and he seems very upbeat and the left him to be left time." Paggan will gut a highly and highly and the left him to be left time. full of ginger." This is the last time Reagan will cut a birthday cake in the comfort of the White House, or more precisely in this case Camp David, the presidential retreat. Limited by law to two four-year terms, he leaves office next Jan. 20 when his successor, to be elected in November, will be sworn in.

Noriega faces charges in U.S.

powerful foreign leader to face criminal charges in the United mentioned in the Miami charges States, hnt it is unlikely he will be for alleged involvement with drug hrought to trial on the alleged drug-related offences.
Gen. Noriega, in an interview with a U.S. television network,

said the charges were a "political act" aimed at bullying nationalistic leaders in Latin America. Under a 1904 U.S.-Panama

Treaty, the United States does not require either country to hand over its citizens for extradition. U.S. officials acknowledge it is doubtful Noriega can ever be brought to trial.

charges, which include drug Miami.

MIAMI (R) — Panamanian smuggling, money laundering and strongman Manuel Antonio racketeering, U.S. law-enforce-Noriega has become the most ment sources said. Cuban leader Fidel Castro is

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traffickers, but he is not named as a defendant, sources said. CBS News said Noriega told a CBS correspondent the charges were "strictly a political act aimed at frightening me and other nationalistic Latin Amer-ican leaders who dare to criticise

the U.S."

Noriega, who is accused of selling protection to smugglers shipping tons of cocaine to the Federal prosecutors in Miami have set a news conference (1500 charges in a sealed, 30-page docu-GMT) Friday to detail the ment handed down Thursday m



CORPORATION **TENDER NOTICE** NO. TCC1/88 SUPPLY OF HEAVY MATERIALS FOR LOCAL LINE PLANT PROJECTS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Telecommunications Corporation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (TCC) announces Tender No. TCC 1/88 for the Supply of Heavy Materials for Local Line Plant Projects such as cables, wooden poles, P.V.C. pipes, manhole covers and dropwire, as part of the implementation programme of the Five-Year Development Plan for the expansion of the Telephone Network in Jordan.

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has applied for a loan from the World Bank, and intends to use the proceeds of this loan to finance part of the cost of the project for which this invitation to bid is issued. As the available World Bank financing is insufficient to cover all the cost of this procurement, bidders are invited to submit in addition to the hid price a financing offer, at their option, to linance the contract cost or part

All interested manufacturers/suppliers from the World Bank member countries. Switzerland, and Ta:wan - China, are invited to participate in this lender, in accordance with the terms. stipulations and technical specifications contained in the bidding documents.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee, P.O. Box 1689, Telecommunications Corporation, Amman - Jordan, as of Thursday, February 11, 1988 against a payment of a non-refundable fee of one hundred (100) Jordanian Dinars (JD).

Bids, accompanied by hid security, are to be submitted in English to the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee not later than 12:00 noon local time on Saturday, April 16, 1988.

Director General Eng. Mohammad Shahld Ismail

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION **TENDER NOTICE** NO. TCC 2/88

SUPPLY OF LOCAL LINE PLANT SERVICES AND ACCESSORIES

The Telecommunications Corporation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (TCC) announces Tender No. TCC 2/88 for the Supply of Local Line Plant Services and Accessories as part of the Implementation programme of the Five-Year Development Plan for the expansion of the Telephone Network in Jordan. Specialised companies are hereby invited to submit their bids in accordance with the terms, stipulations & technical specifica-

tions contained in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are requested to submit, in addition to bid price, a linancing proposal to finance the cost of the subsequent contract to be awarded,

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Bids, accompanied by hid security, are to be submitted in English to the office of the Secretary of Tender Committee not later than 12:00 noon, local time on Saturday, May 21, 1988. **Director General**

Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail